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SECTION 1.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

NOTE.—*Estimated Population of States.*—For dates subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1954, the estimated population in each State represents the population ascertained at the Census plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State since the Census. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations so derived are approximate and are subject to revision when the actual population of each State is ascertained at the next Census. For some States such revisions were substantial after the Census of 1954.

AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area— Square Miles.	Population (Excluding full-blood Aborigines).						
		Census—30th June, 1954.			Estimate—31st March, 1959.			Capital Cities, 30th June, 1958.
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W. ..	309,433	1,720,860	1,702,669	3,423,529	1,876,176	1,869,025	3,745,201	2,016,620
Victoria ..	87,884	1,281,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	1,408,274	1,388,685	2,796,959	1,726,100
Queensland ..	667,000	676,252	642,007	1,318,259	730,608	698,048	1,428,656	555,000
South Australia	380,070	403,093	393,191	797,094	462,996	451,767	914,763	548,000
W. Australia	975,920	330,358	309,413	639,771	366,345	348,224	714,569	382,000
Tasmania ..	26,215	157,129	151,623	308,752	178,590	165,400	343,990	105,110
N. Territory ..	523,620	10,288	6,181	16,469	10,954	8,793	19,747	(a)8,066
A.C.T. ..	939	16,229	14,086	30,315	23,872	20,908	44,780	39,061
Australia ..	2,971,081	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	5,057,815	4,950,850	10,008,665	5,379,957

(a) Municipality of Darwin.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AT 30TH JUNE.									
1954a	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	(b)32,424	9,200,691
1956	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	(b)34,481	9,427,558
1957	3,622,006	2,673,493	1,396,740	873,123	691,882	327,895	19,170	(c)37,865	9,643,079
1958	3,689,175	2,741,397	1,417,404	896,750	705,250	335,418	19,579	41,167	9,846,140

AT 31ST DECEMBER.

1953	3,409,009	2,416,035	1,298,420	785,665	631,743	316,465	15,635	29,714	8,902,686
1954	3,462,313	2,480,877	1,322,752	808,243	649,415	319,511	16,140	(b)31,144	9,090,395
1955	3,525,923	2,555,021	1,350,684	834,635	670,750	325,801	17,007	(b)33,470	9,313,291
1956	3,588,344	2,632,623	1,378,947	861,912	684,835	332,810	17,853	(b)36,010	9,538,334
1957	3,660,497	2,700,635	1,401,427	886,203	700,214	340,866	18,515	39,114	9,747,471
1958	3,725,686	2,770,919	1,424,818	907,992	713,583	346,545	19,222	42,953	9,951,618

(a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra are as follows: 30th June, 1955, 32,750; 1956, 35,135; 31st December, 1954, 31,306; 1955, 33,960; 1956, 36,828. (c) Estimate based on the results of the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.									
1954	3,405,414	2,422,839	1,300,464	785,981	630,705	309,416	15,930	29,595	8,900,344
1955	3,459,538	2,488,115	1,325,336	807,501	643,930	312,987	16,536	(a)31,249	9,090,192
1956	3,524,379	2,564,849	1,352,629	834,465	669,040	319,192	17,474	(a)33,642	9,315,670
1957	3,588,033	2,640,105	1,380,466	861,373	684,518	326,137	18,340	(a)36,013	9,534,985
1958	3,658,325	2,707,192	1,403,279	885,973	698,548	334,105	19,033	39,283	9,745,738
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.									
1953	3,386,556	2,395,851	1,287,231	776,355	621,034	306,318	15,534	28,724	8,817,603
1954	3,428,488	2,453,458	1,313,055	796,361	640,140	311,128	16,214	(a)30,383	8,989,227
1955	3,492,385	2,526,275	1,338,995	820,143	658,747	316,153	17,040	(a)32,412	9,202,150
1956	3,555,854	2,604,283	1,366,496	848,531	677,317	322,216	17,896	(a)34,698	9,427,291
1957	3,622,557	2,673,654	1,392,384	874,159	691,723	330,200	18,730	(a)37,631	9,641,038
1958	3,693,282	2,740,286	1,414,362	896,933	705,600	337,735	19,226	41,110	9,848,534

(a) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra are as follows: Year ended 30th June, 1955, 31,411; 1956, 34,132; 1957, 36,749; Year ended 31st December, 1954, 30,424; 1955, 32,738; 1956, 35,352 and 1957, 37,999.

INCREASE OF POPULATION.

State or Territory.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	Year Ended 31st March.	
					1958.	1959.
NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS).						
New South Wales	41,854	41,650	46,139	47,695	46,406	47,035
Victoria	33,809	34,507	36,333	37,644	36,676	36,512
Queensland	21,045	20,223	22,084	22,417	22,174	22,094
South Australia	10,958	11,371	11,960	12,304	11,954	12,828
Western Australia	11,244	11,344	11,627	11,177	11,508	11,038
Tasmania	5,600	5,591	5,765	5,860	5,781	5,755
Northern Territory	396	449	531	591	595	558
Australian Capital Territory ..	735	910	966	1,093	960	1,092
Australia	125,641	126,045	135,405	138,781	136,054	136,412

RECORDED NET INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA MIGRATION (EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES).						
New South Wales	21,756	20,771	26,014	17,494	26,293	17,769
Victoria	40,335	43,095	31,679	32,640	29,958	34,030
Queensland	6,887	8,040	396	974	-277	1,130
South Australia	15,434	15,906	12,331	9,485	11,508	10,286
Western Australia	10,091	2,741	3,752	2,192	1,778	2,113
Tasmania	690	1,418	2,291	-181	2,040	1,719
Northern Territory	471	397	131	16	49	201
Australian Capital Territory ..	(a)1,591	(a)1,630	(a)2,138	2,746	2,395	3,680
Australia	97,255	98,998	78,732	65,366	73,744	71,018

TOTAL INCREASE.

New South Wales	63,610	62,421	72,153	65,189	72,699	64,804
Victoria	74,144	77,602	68,012	70,284	66,634	70,542
Queensland	27,932	28,263	22,480	23,391	21,897	23,224
South Australia	26,392	27,277	24,291	21,789	23,462	22,614
Western Australia	21,335	14,085	15,379	13,369	13,286	13,151
Tasmania	6,290	7,009	8,056	5,679	7,821	7,474
Northern Territory	867	846	662	607	644	849
Australian Capital Territory ..	(b)2,326	(b)2,540	(b)3,104	3,839	3,355	4,772
Australia	222,896	220,043	214,137	204,147	209,798	207,430

(a) Revised figures based on the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra are as follows: 1955, 1,919; 1956, 1,958; 1957, 1,320. (b) Revised figures based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows: 1955, 2,654; 1956, 2,863; 1957, 2,236.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS—SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase. (a)	Net Oversea Migration. (b)	Total Increase.	Population at end of Period.
Year—							
1946.. ..	79,496	176,379	74,661	101,718	-15,148	c87,784	7,517,981
1947.. ..	76,457	182,384	73,463	103,916	10,611	c119,982	7,637,963
1948.. ..	74,902	177,976	76,839	101,137	55,115	c154,502	7,792,465
1949.. ..	72,999	181,261	75,260	106,001	150,001	c253,105	8,045,570
1950.. ..	75,599	190,591	78,187	112,404	152,505	c261,911	8,307,481
1951.. ..	77,298	193,298	81,788	111,510	111,433	c220,426	8,527,907
1952.. ..	74,172	201,650	81,597	120,053	94,032	c211,662	8,739,569
1953.. ..	70,640	202,235	80,188	122,047	42,897	c163,117	8,902,686
1954.. ..	71,229	202,256	81,805	120,451	68,207	c187,709	9,090,395
1955.. ..	72,172	207,677	82,036	125,641	97,255	c222,896	9,313,291
1956.. ..	71,780	212,133	86,088	126,045	93,998	c220,043	9,533,334
1957.. ..	73,696	220,358	84,953	135,405	78,732	c214,137	9,747,471
1958.. ..	74,001	222,504	83,723	138,781	65,366	c204,147	9,951,618
Quarter ended—							
31st March, 1958	18,459	55,777	18,223	37,554	16,210	53,764	9,801,235
30th June, 1958	19,686	58,921	20,418	38,503	11,402	44,905	9,846,140
30th September, 1958 ..	15,569	57,575	24,829	32,746	17,640	50,386	9,896,526
31st December, 1958 ..	20,287	55,231	20,253	34,978	20,114	55,092	9,951,618
31st March, 1959	18,726	54,289	19,104	35,185	21,362	57,047	10,008,665

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period January, 1946, to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period January, 1946, to June, 1947.

(c) Includes natural increase and net overseas migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and differences disclosed by the Censuses of 30th June, 1947 and 1954.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

State or Territory.	Marriages.	Births.			Deaths.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.

QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959.

New South Wales	7,005	9,955	9,486	19,441	4,058	3,180	7,238
Victoria.. ..	5,312	7,579	7,136	14,715	2,922	2,687	5,609
Queensland ..	2,409	4,358	4,208	8,566	1,565	1,078	2,643
South Australia ..	1,792	2,587	2,508	5,095	956	815	1,771
Western Australia	1,361	2,100	1,948	4,048	709	466	1,175
Tasmania ..	703	1,037	924	1,961	343	246	589
Northern Territory	49	101	82	183	32	8	40
Australian Capital Territory ..	95	145	135	280	22	17	39
Australia ..	18,726	27,862	26,427	54,289	10,607	8,497	19,104

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1958.

New South Wales	28,554	40,809	39,236	80,045	18,279	14,071	32,350
Victoria.. ..	20,649	31,517	29,752	61,269	12,778	10,847	23,625
Queensland ..	10,255	17,443	16,429	33,872	6,729	4,726	11,455
South Australia ..	6,505	10,181	9,866	20,047	4,262	3,481	7,743
Western Australia	5,038	8,532	8,199	16,731	3,270	2,284	5,554
Tasmania ..	2,475	4,449	4,119	8,568	1,534	1,174	2,708
Northern Territory	201	347	350	697	87	19	106
Australian Capital Territory ..	324	679	596	1,275	110	72	182
Australia ..	74,001	113,957	108,547	222,504	47,049	36,674	83,723

State or Territory.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	Quarter Ended 31st March.	
					1958.	1959.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	27,645	27,313	28,767	28,554	7,194	7,005
Victoria	20,056	20,137	20,239	20,649	5,146	5,312
Queensland ..	10,098	9,934	10,271	10,255	2,318	2,409
South Australia ..	6,226	6,277	6,581	6,505	1,689	1,792
Western Australia ..	5,145	5,080	4,897	5,038	1,361	1,361
Tasmania ..	2,600	2,601	2,507	2,475	629	703
Northern Territory ..	151	160	178	201	45	49
Australian Capital Territory ..	251	278	256	324	77	95
Australia ..	72,172	71,780	73,696	74,001	18,459	18,726

DIVORCES.—Australia—1957, 6,374; 1958 New South Wales, 3,240; Victoria, 1,717; Queensland, 767; South Australia, 497; Western Australia, 544; Tasmania, 165; Northern Territory 16; Australian Capital Territory, 37; Australia, 6,983.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	Quarter Ended 31st March.	
					1958.	1959.

MARRIAGE RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales ..	7.92	7.68	7.94	7.73	7.84	7.50
Victoria ..	7.94	7.73	7.57	7.54	7.59	7.63
Queensland ..	7.54	7.27	7.38	7.25	6.61	6.75
South Australia ..	7.59	7.40	7.53	7.25	7.60	7.87
Western Australia ..	7.81	7.50	7.08	7.14	7.77	7.62
Tasmania ..	8.22	8.07	7.59	7.33	7.43	8.14
Northern Territory ..	8.86	8.94	9.50	10.45	9.62	10.09
Australian Capital Territory ..	(a) 7.74	(a) 8.01	(a) 6.80	7.88	7.79	8.66
Australia ..	7.84	7.61	7.64	7.51	7.55	7.51

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	74,407	75,714	79,456	80,045	19,950	19,441
Victoria ..	56,336	58,393	60,464	61,269	15,187	14,715
Queensland ..	32,352	32,409	33,763	33,872	8,791	8,566
South Australia ..	18,494	18,964	19,536	20,047	4,985	5,095
Western Australia ..	16,623	16,916	16,924	16,731	4,265	4,048
Tasmania ..	8,089	8,104	8,435	8,568	2,106	1,961
Northern Territory ..	515	556	646	697	207	183
Australian Capital Territory ..	861	1,077	1,134	1,275	286	280
Australia ..	207,677	212,133	220,358	222,504	55,777	54,289

BIRTH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales ..	21.31	21.29	21.93	21.67	21.74	20.82
Victoria ..	22.30	22.42	22.61	22.36	22.39	21.14
Queensland ..	24.16	23.72	24.25	23.95	25.06	24.02
South Australia ..	22.55	22.35	22.35	22.35	22.43	22.36
Western Australia ..	25.23	24.98	24.47	23.71	24.34	22.68
Tasmania ..	25.59	25.15	25.55	25.37	24.87	22.72
Northern Territory ..	30.22	31.07	34.49	36.25	44.26	37.67
Australian Capital Territory ..	(b) 26.56	(b) 31.04	(b) 30.13	31.01	28.92	25.53
Australia ..	22.57	22.50	22.86	22.59	22.83	21.76

DEATHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	32,553	34,064	33,317	32,350	7,087	7,238
Victoria ..	22,527	23,886	24,131	23,625	4,949	5,609
Queensland ..	11,307	12,186	11,679	11,455	2,545	2,643
South Australia ..	7,536	7,593	7,576	7,743	1,685	1,771
Western Australia ..	5,379	5,572	5,297	5,554	1,253	1,175
Tasmania ..	2,489	2,513	2,670	2,708	629	589
Northern Territory ..	119	107	115	106	31	40
Australian Capital Territory ..	126	167	168	182	44	39
Australia ..	82,036	86,088	84,953	83,723	18,223	19,104

(a) Rates based on the revised estimates of mean population for the Australian Capital Territory consequent on the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra are as follows:—1955, 7.67; 1956, 7.86; 1957, 6.74. (b) Rate based on the revised estimates of mean population for the Australian Capital Territory consequent on the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra are as follows:—1955, 26.30; 1956 30.47; 1957, 29.84.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	Quarter Ended 31st March.		
					1958.	1959.	
DEATH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.							
New South Wales	9.32	9.58	9.20	8.76	7.72	7.75	
Victoria	8.92	9.17	9.03	8.62	7.30	8.06	
Queensland	8.44	8.92	8.39	8.10	7.25	7.41	
South Australia	9.19	8.95	8.67	8.63	7.58	7.77	
Western Australia	8.17	8.23	7.66	7.87	7.15	6.58	
Tasmania	7.87	7.80	8.09	8.02	7.43	6.82	
Northern Territory	6.98	5.98	6.14	5.51	6.63	8.23	
Australian Capital Territory ..	(a) 3.89	(a) 4.81	(a) 4.46	4.43	4.45	3.56	
Australia	8.91	9.13	8.81	8.50	7.46	7.66	

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.						
New South Wales	1,850	1,777	1,804	1,704	418	445
Victoria	1,035	1,123	1,219	1,178	288	282
Queensland	656	737	732	657	172	195
South Australia	431	377	403	449	98	104
Western Australia	373	384	357	360	84	84
Tasmania	189	170	170	167	40	49
Northern Territory	26	24	22	22	8	11
Australian Capital Territory ..	12	11	10	23	3	3
Australia	4,572	4,608	4,717	4,560	1,111	1,173

INFANT MORTALITY—RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.						
New South Wales	24.86	23.47	22.70	21.29	20.95	22.89
Victoria	18.37	19.32	20.16	19.23	18.96	19.16
Queensland	20.28	22.74	21.68	19.40	19.57	22.76
South Australia	23.30	19.88	20.63	22.40	19.66	20.41
Western Australia	22.44	22.70	21.09	21.52	19.70	20.75
Tasmania	23.37	20.98	20.15	19.49	18.99	24.99
Northern Territory	50.49	43.17	34.06	31.56	38.65	60.11
Australian Capital Territory ..	13.94	10.21	8.82	18.04	10.49	10.71
Australia	22.01	21.72	21.41	20.49	19.92	21.61

(a) Rates based on the revised estimates of mean population for the Australian Capital Territory consequent on the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra are as follows:—1955, 3.85; 1956, 4.72; 1957, 4.42.

OVERSEA MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933, are as recorded.

Period.	Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over De- partures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1926-30	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931-35	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	-10,886
1936-40(a)	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45(a)	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1946-50(a)	398,507	303,413	701,920	180,779	168,057	348,836	353,084
1951-55	581,300	446,566	1,027,866	340,819	273,223	614,042	413,824
1954	109,601	88,424	198,025	72,073	57,745	129,818	68,207
1955	133,463	103,774	237,237	76,805	63,177	139,982	97,255
1956	141,408	106,040	247,448	87,013	66,437	153,450	93,998
1957	123,487	109,841	233,328	87,081	67,515	154,596	78,732
1958	121,030	109,234	230,264	91,367	73,531	164,898	65,366
Quarter ended 31st March—							
1958	31,618	28,340	59,958	23,635	20,113	43,748	16,210
1959	35,546	29,689	65,235	24,261	19,112	43,373	21,862

(a) Excludes troop movements September, 1939, to June, 1947.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

Oversea Arrivals and Departures—Long Term and Permanent Movement(a) classified according to Nationality.

Nationality.	Arrivals.(b)			Departures.(c)		
	1958.	Quarter ended 31st March—		1958.	Quarter ended 31st March—	
		1958.	1959.		1958.	1959.
British(d)	60,196	15,077	17,337	34,071	8,374	7,163
American (U.S.)	1,352	287	394	873	188	135
Austrian	1,328	179	356	501	76	79
Belgian	49	12	19	36	14	6
Chinese	666	326	426	135	29	48
Czechoslovak	43	6	12	72	26	12
Danish	518	150	108	155	28	33
Dutch	7,490	1,585	1,886	1,798	455	338
Estonian	6	..	1	13	2	5
Finnish	1,651	254	688	37	3	10
French	362	97	74	304	74	51
German	5,824	1,015	1,832	1,783	336	288
Greek	5,363	2,201	1,489	607	179	199
Hungarian	720	360	82	142	56	25
Israeli	476	72	161	28	10	15
Italian	12,951	3,087	2,851	2,954	638	608
Japanese	359	215	53	99	31	40
Latvian	12	3	2	22	3	9
Lebanese	333	102	78	32	16	10
Lithuanian	8	..	2	42	10	11
Norwegian	121	32	31	47	20	8
Polish(e)	1,517	258	412	136	34	29
Russian(f)	518	156	292	124	33	34
Swedish.. ..	113	24	25	58	11	1
Swiss	212	52	60	133	45	22
Ukrainian	10	2	1	82	20	13
Yugoslav	1,219	190	401	93	21	21
Stateless	5,636	2,033	1,953	291	91	46
Other	804	174	281	310	89	100
Total	109,857	27,949	31,307	44,978	10,912	9,359

(a) Persons arriving who state they intend to reside in Australia for a period of one year or more and persons departing who state they intend to reside abroad for a period of one year or more.

(b) Excludes Australian residents returning from absences of less than one year and Australian troops irrespective of their length of stay abroad.

(c) Excludes visitors departing after a stay of less than one year in Australia and Australian troops.

(d) "Irish" nationality has been combined with "British" for the purpose of this table.

(e) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Polish.

(f) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Russian.

Oversea Arrivals and Departures—Long Term and Permanent Movement(a) classified according to Country of Last Residence or Intended Future Residence.

Country of Last Residence(d) (Arrivals) or Intended Future Residence(d) (Departures).	Arrivals.(b)			Departures.(c)		
	1958.	Quarter ended 31st March—		1958.	Quarter ended 31st March—	
		1958.	1959.		1958.	1959.
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland	44,062	10,806	11,909	16,279	3,315	2,749
Canada	1,430	152	279	1,799	467	198
Cyprus	311	74	29	28	13	14
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	1,021	234	274	483	149	132
Malta	1,871	465	302	603	145	56
New Guinea	924	360	290	1,717	558	491
New Zealand	3,310	614	1,522	4,326	1,484	1,181
Papua	754	224	372	1,168	397	259
Union of South Africa	379	64	100	270	76	114
Other	5,106	2,065	2,339	3,429	843	1,047
Total, Commonwealth Countries	59,168	15,058	17,416	30,102	7,447	6,241
Austria	3,178	725	1,211	436	62	66
Denmark	507	150	102	134	19	30
France	659	112	151	325	85	69
Germany	6,120	1,033	1,975	1,500	252	261
Greece	5,023	1,838	1,493	731	209	302
Hungary	1,185	852	64	66	6	18
Italy	14,468	3,370	3,678	4,602	1,098	921
Netherlands	7,163	1,447	1,834	1,472	295	298
Poland	1,473	256	392	37	8	12
Yugoslavia	1,718	589	355	74	9	19
Other European	2,641	434	909	1,010	170	176
China	749	277	391	41	13	13
Indonesia	466	195	119	168	53	52
Egypt	846	492	47	17	7	4
United States of America	2,111	415	570	3,187	835	643
Polynesian Islands	171	65	51	234	87	33
Other	2,211	641	549	842	257	201
Total, Foreign Countries	50,689	12,891	13,891	14,876	3,465	3,118
GRAND TOTAL	109,857	27,949	31,307	44,978	10,912	9,359

(a) See note (a) on page 8.

(b) See note (b) on page 8.

(c) See note (c) on page 8.

(d) For a year or more.

Oversea Arrivals and Departures—Short Term Movement(a) classified according to the Country of Last Residence or Intended Future Residence.

Country of Last Residence(d) (Arrivals) or Intended Future Residence(d) (Departures).	Arrivals.(b)			Departures.(c)		
	1958.	Quarter ended 31st March—		1958.	Quarter ended 31st March—	
		1958.	1959.		1958.	1959.
Australia	59,065	15,460	15,692	58,888	15,737	14,530
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	8,737	2,631	2,782	9,876	2,707	3,086
Canada	1,031	276	348	1,068	377	431
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	1,412	313	359	1,304	294	362
New Guinea	3,797	1,109	1,220	3,312	1,032	1,141
New Zealand	21,434	4,787	5,159	22,154	5,813	6,642
Papua	3,681	1,088	1,166	3,098	969	1,067
Union of South Africa ..	579	143	162	507	164	259
Other	6,730	1,991	2,421	5,931	1,661	1,942
Total, Commonwealth Countries excluding Australia	47,401	12,338	13,617	47,250	13,017	14,930
Denmark	101	33	35	118	31	26
France	384	95	107	491	123	163
Germany	485	148	139	480	102	147
Greece	86	22	29	87	16	31
Hungary	90	76	4	21	13	1
Italy	241	59	68	380	113	126
Netherlands	853	207	229	847	213	243
Yugoslavia	111	31	23	34	4	28
Other European	852	274	239	883	263	276
China	146	19	36	95	19	35
Indonesia	634	247	164	349	90	137
Egypt	22	4	5	18	2	6
United States of America	6,065	1,865	2,182	6,434	2,104	2,158
Polynesian Islands ..	1,267	471	435	1,098	449	391
Other	2,604	660	924	2,447	540	786
Total, Foreign Countries	13,941	4,211	4,619	13,782	4,082	4,554
GRAND TOTAL ..	120,407	32,009	33,928	119,920	32,836	34,014

(a) Persons arriving who state they intend to reside in Australia for a period of less than one year and persons departing who state they intend to reside abroad for a period of less than one year.
 (b) Excludes Australian residents returning after absences of one year or more. (c) Excludes visitors departing after a stay of one year or more in Australia. (d) For a period of one year or more.

SECTION II.—PRIMARY AND SECONDARY INDUSTRIES.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION AND YIELD PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AREA. (^{'000} Acres.)								
1938-39 ..	4,651	2,748	442	3,080	3,413	10	2	14,346
1954-55 ..	2,919	2,390	688	1,689	2,979	7	1	10,673
1955-56 ..	2,937	2,141	582	1,609	2,890	6	1	10,166
1956-57 ..	1,742	1,565	360	1,433	2,765	4	..	7,874
1957-58 ..	2,257	1,835	461	1,331	2,957	6	1	8,848
1958-59 (a)	3,100	1,850	710	1,374	3,150	7	1	10,192

PRODUCTION. (^{'000} Bushels.)								
1938-39 ..	59,898	18,104	8,584	31,675	36,844	205	59	155,369
1954-55 ..	37,718	48,484	16,478	31,463	34,300	158	15	168,616
1955-56 ..	57,149	41,083	14,922	28,891	53,250	129	19	195,443
1956-57 ..	28,490	35,282	7,061	31,432	32,100	89	1	134,455
1957-58 ..	10,603	32,134	6,657	14,914	33,100	153	5	97,566
1958-59 (a)	66,000	43,000	16,000	31,500	57,000	175	25	213,700

YIELD PER ACRE. (Bushels.)								
1938-39 ..	12.9	6.6	19.4	10.3	10.8	20.8	23.7	10.8
1954-55 ..	12.9	20.3	24.0	18.6	11.5	21.7	19.4	15.8
1955-56 ..	19.5	19.2	25.7	18.0	18.4	20.7	25.5	19.2
1956-57 ..	16.4	22.5	19.6	21.9	11.6	22.7	11.1	17.1
1957-58 ..	4.7	17.5	14.5	11.2	11.2	26.1	8.9	11.0
1958-59 (a)	21.3	23.2	22.5	22.9	18.1	25.0	25.0	21.0

TOTAL AREA OF WHEAT GROWN FOR ALL PURPOSES.
(^{'000} Acres.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39 ..	5,223	3,033	499	3,344	3,613	14	2	15,728
1953-54 ..	3,548	2,429	658	1,604	2,938	15	2	11,194
1954-55 ..	3,178	2,430	745	1,767	3,100	12	1	11,233
1955-56 ..	3,064	2,174	640	1,678	2,965	10	1	10,532
1956-57 ..	1,810	1,585	408	1,481	2,832	7	..	8,123
1957-58 ..	2,548	1,871	554	1,411	3,051	10	1	9,446

(a) Preliminary estimates; subject to revision.

OTHER PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Potatoes.	Hay.	Sugar-cane.		Total Area of Crops.
	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.			Cut for crushing.	Cane Sugar. (94 N.T.)	

AREA. (^{'000} Acres.)								
1938-39 ..	1,784	745	324	98	3,250	262	..	23,500
1953-54 ..	2,137	1,803	179	123	1,935	340	..	21,013
1954-55 ..	2,574	1,691	170	107	1,984	374	..	21,695
1955-56 ..	3,354	1,894	167	94	2,241	373	..	22,454
1956-57 ..	2,556	2,093	182	101	1,861	370	..	19,401
1957-58 ..	2,958	2,121	184	118	2,237	376	..	21,471

PRODUCTION.								
Season.	^{'000} bush.	^{'000} bush.	^{'000} bush.	^{'000} tons.	^{'000} tons.	^{'000} tons.	^{'000} tons.	
1938-39 ..	15,555	10,831	7,057	274	3,321	5,679	820	..
1953-54 ..	32,961	41,272	5,079	548	3,049	9,014	1,254	..
1954-55 ..	32,834	29,400	5,076	468	2,856	10,087	1,328	..
1955-56 ..	56,487	41,655	4,755	402	3,625	8,901	1,172	..
1956-57 ..	35,396	49,279	5,494	519	3,043	9,272	1,208	..
1957-58 ..	31,426	30,466	5,639	575	2,969	9,249	1,203	..

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK (‘000.)

March.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
HORSES.									
1939	..	531	344	(a) 445	(a) 196	(a) 144	(a) 30	33	1,724
1954	..	280	141	273	52	49	17	37	850
1955	..	258	132	267	49	47	16	33	803
1956	..	247	119	261	44	46	15	37	770
1957	..	235	108	255	41	45	14	(b) 38	737
1958	..	221	98	243	35	44	13	(b) 39	694

CATTLE—BEEF.

1954	..	2,268	829	5,703	230	600	122	966	6	10,724
1955	..	2,196	856	5,861	255	633	129	969	5	10,904
1956	..	2,341	954	5,946	302	673	148	1,028	11	11,398
1957	..	2,577	1,044	6,087	356	733	158	(b) 1,176	8	12,139
1958	..	2,429	1,026	5,917	338	771	166	(b) 1,244	7	11,898

CATTLE—DAIRY.

1954	..	1,286	1,541	1,388	261	230	174	..	3	4,878
1955	..	1,265	1,600	1,377	269	228	190	..	3	4,932
1956	..	1,338	1,662	1,384	264	224	184	..	3	5,059
1957	..	1,384	1,721	1,375	265	224	196	..	3	5,118
1958	..	1,307	1,724	1,270	259	226	205	..	3	4,994

CATTLE—TOTAL.

1939	..	2,812	1,697	(a) 6,097	(a) 319	(a) 768	(a) 262	900	7	12,862
1954	..	3,554	2,370	7,086	491	830	296	966	9	15,602
1955	..	3,461	2,456	7,238	524	861	319	969	8	15,886
1956	..	3,679	2,618	7,330	566	897	332	1,028	9	16,457
1957	..	3,911	2,765	7,462	621	957	354	(b) 1,176	11	17,257
1958	..	3,736	2,750	7,187	597	997	371	(b) 1,244	10	16,892

SHEEP.

1939	..	48,877	17,007	a 23,159	a 9,937	a 9,177	a 2,626	30	245	111,058
1954	..	59,639	21,438	18,194	11,838	13,087	2,465	31	252	126,944
1955	..	59,200	22,330	20,222	12,817	13,411	2,595	29	245	130,849
1956	..	62,988	23,343	22,116	13,585	14,128	2,673	33	258	139,124
1957	..	67,670	25,831	23,190	14,984	14,887	2,943	(b) 30	267	149,802
1958	..	65,410	27,090	22,274	15,236	15,724	3,298	(b) 27	256	149,315

PIGS.

1939	..	377	253	(a) 325	(a) 71	(a) 83	(a) 45	1	1	1,156
1954	..	372	232	384	61	101	46	1	..	1,197
1955	..	375	264	407	85	107	58	1	..	1,287
1956	..	343	227	373	73	99	50	1	..	1,166
1957	..	387	258	395	92	140	62	(b) 1	..	1,325
1958	..	397	279	423	108	151	62	(b) 3	..	1,423

(a) December, previous year.

(b) As at end of June.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE). (‘000 lb.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.	
1938-39	..	437,141	165,829	b 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1953-54	..	544,934	223,481	174,414	145,509	134,442	20,116	290	2,276	1,245,462
1954-55	..	540,977	253,364	176,548	155,761	129,662	23,797	311	2,232	1,282,652
1955-56	..	593,712	273,356	194,014	173,697	156,454	23,418	393	2,328	1,417,372
1956-57	..	660,343	299,572	227,664	188,808	156,402	28,663	346	2,457	1,564,255
1957-58	..	557,287	296,490	204,375	185,843	158,281	29,154	291	2,133	1,433,854

(a) Estimated.

(b) For year ended 31st December, 1938.

PRODUCTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia. (a)
WHOLE MILK FOR ALL PURPOSES. (⁰ 000 gal.)								
1938-39 ..	311,384	377,881	347,336	72,521	45,562	34,829	350	1,189,863
1953-54 ..	282,187	474,858	249,712	85,014	49,996	47,642	743	1,189,652
1954-55 ..	315,719	536,835	275,605	90,699	54,194	52,022	725	1,325,799
1955-56 ..	333,942	577,475	282,296	90,342	55,663	61,405	884	1,402,012
1956-57 ..	306,298	587,199	252,336	89,882	57,003	64,262	957	1,357,942
1957-58(b) ..	289,412	565,827	207,747	79,141	59,521	64,655	853	1,261,156
Nine months ended—								
March 1958(b)	222,987	499,603	155,724	65,151	44,749	57,428	670	1,046,312
March 1959(b)	262,473	497,966	206,561	67,402	43,005	56,941	756	1,135,104

BUTTER (Factory and Farm).
(Tons.)

1938-39 ..	53,045	58,292	70,369	9,248	7,252	5,283	8	203,497
1953-54 ..	31,354	64,396	42,154	7,862	6,281	7,533	5	159,585
1954-55 ..	40,128	80,182	46,223	8,704	7,266	8,571	4	191,078
1955-56 ..	42,568	91,354	48,541	8,724	7,506	10,214	4	208,911
1956-57 ..	35,299	89,322	41,422	8,598	7,545	10,664	4	192,854
1957-58(b) ..	31,440	86,923	32,609	7,066	6,855	10,874	4	175,771
Nine months ended—								
March 1958(b)	24,623	78,941	24,366	5,910	6,022	9,911	3	149,776
March 1959(b)	32,145	78,247	33,474	5,876	5,370	9,805	3	164,920

CHEESE (Factory and Farm).
(Tons.)

1938-39 ..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1953-54 ..	3,210	25,987	6,746	11,612	1,208	294	..	49,057
1954-55 ..	2,568	20,302	7,921	13,101	1,086	275	..	45,193
1955-56 ..	3,379	14,010	7,579	12,633	766	333	..	38,700
1956-57 ..	4,019	20,567	7,137	11,958	1,190	345	..	45,216
1957-58(b) ..	4,042	13,817	5,150	10,493	1,050	338	..	34,890
Nine months ended—								
March 1958(b)	3,156	12,366	4,008	9,401	943	299	..	30,173
March 1959(b)	4,019	14,368	6,623	9,906	966	318	..	36,200

(a) Excludes the Northern Territory.

(b) Subject to revision.

CONDENSED, POWDERED, ETC., MILK PRODUCTS : AUSTRALIA.(a)

Period.	Full Cream Milk Products.				Total Whole Milk Equiva- lent of Full Cream Milk Products.	Milk By-Products.			
	Condensed, Concentrated and Evaporated Full Cream Milk.(b)		Powdered Full Cream Milk.	Infants' and Invalids' Foods. (d)		Con- densed, Concentrated and Evaporated Skim and Buttermilk.	Powdered Skim Milk	Powdered Buttermilk and Whey. (e)	Casein.
	Sweetened (c)	Un-sweetened.							
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1953-54..	36,074	25,776	18,905	11,739	75,995	1,042	19,804	5,358	3,827
1954-55..	30,520	18,045	15,539	10,921	64,365	6,053	24,618	5,086	6,870
1955-56..	35,065	25,561	17,211	12,861	71,324	3,866	30,893	4,990	9,367
1956-57	39,980	28,221	17,864	13,567	78,123	4,731	30,567	5,551	7,730
1957-58(f)	37,248	29,892	18,090	13,937	76,915	6,345	24,049	5,514	10,353
Nine months ended—									
March 1958(f)	33,363	24,894	15,300	10,773	66,362	5,187	22,159	4,856	9,434
March 1959(f)	27,939	25,989	16,738	10,769	66,227	4,339	29,640	5,024	9,485

(a) Excludes Northern Territory.

(b) Includes (i) mixtures of Full Cream and Skim Milk and

(ii) mixtures of Full Cream, Skim and Buttermilk.

(c) Includes "Coffee and Milk".

(d) Includes

Malted Milk and Milk Sugar (Lactose).

(e) Includes Powdered Mixed Skim and Buttermilk.

(f) Subject to revision.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN WEIGHT).
(Tons.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BEEF (including Veal).									
1938-39 ..	172,001	113,985	207,007	24,731	27,733	10,946	2,235	572	559,210
1953-54 ..	220,915	140,019	257,783	34,122	35,494	11,003	3,277	1,656	704,269
1954-55 ..	215,462	142,719	271,550	34,431	37,087	13,670	3,374	1,616	719,909
1955-56 ..	222,315	139,114	291,532	37,512	38,170	15,416	5,203	1,795	751,057
1956-57 ..	235,143	158,967	316,754	40,262	38,267	17,916	5,371	1,906	814,586
1957-58 ..	232,533	180,695	270,519	41,070	39,517	20,040	4,917	2,165	791,456
Nine months ended—									
March, 1958..	168,609	131,213	183,050	30,484	26,637	14,629	3,635	1,625	559,832
March, 1959(a)	201,980	137,298	234,869	31,092	30,980	14,997	3,972	1,625	656,813
MUTTON.									
1938-39 ..	72,131	77,445	18,950	18,495	14,362	4,004	5	356	205,748
1953-54 ..	75,771	87,302	18,075	30,714	18,908	6,004	72	720	237,566
1954-55 ..	73,484	93,322	17,254	28,581	20,916	6,050	78	845	240,530
1955-56 ..	70,841	85,515	21,215	27,303	23,338	5,177	59	980	234,428
1956-57 ..	70,414	75,135	21,561	26,526	23,640	5,720	49	865	223,910
1957-58 ..	76,682	107,422	21,864	35,306	21,909	5,604	90	903	269,780
Nine months ended—									
March, 1958..	57,405	85,599	16,282	27,552	16,440	4,228	69	675	208,250
March, 1959(a)	64,572	89,081	18,039	25,678	21,729	5,762	64	675	225,600
LAMB.									
1938-39 ..	23,535	58,685	1,506	15,557	7,852	2,325	..	84	114,544
1953-54 ..	48,759	48,320	1,617	14,757	8,358	5,069	..	366	127,246
1954-55 ..	49,015	62,289	1,296	21,272	7,497	5,851	..	414	147,634
1955-56 ..	49,774	60,713	1,805	17,036	9,421	6,601	..	353	145,703
1956-57 ..	51,533	56,118	2,305	16,037	9,663	6,887	..	333	142,876
1957-58 ..	51,118	61,685	2,517	18,375	10,033	7,617	..	351	161,696
Nine months ended—									
March, 1958..	37,423	50,214	1,790	15,927	8,569	5,820	..	261	120,004
March, 1959(a)	48,954	56,208	2,693	17,672	9,595	7,066	..	261	142,449
PORK.									
1938-39 ..	9,617	10,769	11,844	2,037	1,092	1,623	8	43	37,033
1953-54 ..	12,949	7,332	7,216	2,253	2,032	1,399	69	146	33,396
1954-55 ..	17,026	11,078	8,948	3,521	4,362	2,027	65	192	47,219
1955-56 ..	14,952	10,709	8,016	3,247	3,529	2,215	67	204	42,939
1956-57 ..	14,840	10,676	6,734	2,724	3,322	2,093	59	200	40,648
1957-58(a) ..	16,751	12,946	7,709	3,650	4,508	2,366	65	200	48,195
Nine months ended—									
March, 1958 ..	13,402	9,947	5,781	2,853	3,478	1,745	61	179	37,446
March, 1959(a)	13,088	9,487	6,179	3,173	3,379	2,017	58	179	37,560
BACON AND HAM (Cured weight).									
1938-39 ..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	..	33,238
1953-54(b) ..	11,875	7,044	10,655	3,024	3,443	949	..	..	36,990
1954-55(b) ..	11,769	8,074	10,807	3,378	3,316	1,027	..	..	38,371
1955-56(b) ..	11,463	7,929	10,224	3,587	3,231	1,040	..	..	37,474
1956-57(b) ..	10,322	7,721	9,901	3,415	3,054	917	..	..	35,330
1957-58(a)(b) ..	11,361	8,285	9,645	3,296	2,949	864	..	..	36,400
Nine months ended—									
March, 1958(b)	8,608	6,160	7,109	2,603	2,271	700	..	..	27,451
March, 1959ab	9,007	6,633	8,527	2,493	2,244	677	..	..	29,581
TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT.									
1938-39 ..	299,975	271,939	252,045	64,829	53,880	20,421	2,248	1,055	966,392
1953-54 ..	374,543	292,532	299,181	85,960	69,475	24,769	3,418	2,888	1,152,766
1954-55 ..	370,992	320,338	313,745	92,399	74,373	29,000	3,517	3,067	1,207,481
1955-56 ..	373,473	306,834	336,473	89,975	78,851	30,829	5,329	3,332	1,225,096
1956-57 ..	385,969	311,398	360,820	90,192	79,045	33,864	5,479	3,304	1,270,071
1957-58(a) ..	383,077	360,692	315,159	100,601	80,703	37,242	5,484	3,304	1,286,262
Nine months ended—									
March, 1958 ..	288,548	285,349	216,573	80,356	58,213	27,374	3,765	2,740	962,918
March, 1959(a)	340,844	301,095	273,376	81,005	68,735	30,769	4,094	2,740	1,102,649

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Includes pressed and canned bacon and ham converted to bone-in weight.

MINING AND QUARRYING—VALUE OF OUTPUT(a).
(£'000.)

Industry and Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust.
1957.								
Metal Mining—								
Gold Mining ..	268	680	301	(b)	14,537	..	973	16,759
Silver-Lead-Zinc Mining	26,820	(c)	(c)	(b)	(c)	1,951	(c)	39,463
Copper-Gold Mining	12	..	(c)	(b)	56	(c)	1,521	7,233
Tin Mining ..	173	(c)	625	..	151	808	(c)	1,762
Mineral Sands Mining	6,219	..	(c)	..	(c)	..	..	9,792
Other Metal Mining	97	(c)	(c)	4,389	1,408	(c)	52	8,004
Total Metal Mining	33,589	704	16,650	4,389	16,836	8,294	2,551	83,013
Fuel Mining—								
Black Coal Mining ..	40,450	556	7,177	911	2,553	632	..	52,279
Brown Coal Mining ..	..	5,223	..	..	..	..	..	5,228
Total Fuel Mining	40,450	5,784	7,177	911	2,553	632	..	57,507
Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining(d) ..	2,632	1,231	582	2,693	1,565	291	75	9,069
Construction Material Quarrying (d) ..	6,499	4,953	1,168	3,879	758	339	69	(e) 17,835
Total All Mining and Quarrying ..	83,170	12,672	25,577	11,872	21,712	9,556	2,695	e 167,424
1956(d) ..	88,790	11,801	30,204	11,910	20,230	10,555	2,594	e 176,820
1955(d) ..	84,244	10,917	26,892	10,512	19,746	10,744	1,691	e 164,871
1954(d) ..	78,202	10,080	21,602	8,580	20,736	8,955	1,145	e 149,403
1953(d) ..	72,346	9,329	17,284	6,203	20,011	8,037	1,221	e 134,542
1952(d) ..	77,097	8,535	17,429	6,047	17,704	8,750	1,282	136,844

(a) Selling value at point of sale of mine or quarry product less transport costs from mine or quarry to point of sale (i.e. value of output at mine or quarry.) (b) Not available for publication. Included with Other Metal Mining. (c) Not available for publication. (d) Incomplete for some Non-Metal (excluding Fuel) Mining and for Construction Material Quarrying in some States. (e) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Principal Metallic Contents of Minerals Produced.							Coal.	
	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.(a)	Lead.	Tin.	Tungsten (b)	Zinc.	Black.	Brown.
	tons.	'000 f.oz.	'000 tons	'000 tons	tons.	tons.	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons

DECEMBER QUARTER, 1958.(c)

New South Wales	933	4	..	59	63	1	50	3,936	..
Victoria ..	..	10	..	..	274	..	4	27	2,956
Queensland ..	13,422	18	..	17	..	2	..	645	..
South Australia ..	..	549	..	..	32	..	..	183	..
Western Australia	185	222	92	..	265	90	8	216	..
Tasmania ..	2,981	6	..	3	(d)	(d)	..	72	..
Nor. Territory ..	2,194	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Australia—									
Dec. Qtr. 1958c	19,715	280	641	79	634	93	62	5,079	2,956
Dec. Qtr. 1957	15,148	275	660	91	638	330	75	5,010	2,552

YEARS.

1958(c)	..	73,438	1,099	2,544	326	2,242	857	262	20,396	11,644
1957 ..	..	57,175	1,084	2,466	333	1,952	1,409	292	19,919	10,741
1956 ..	..	53,737	1,030	2,543	299	2,078	1,582	278	19,274	10,560
1955 ..	..	46,192	1,049	2,304	296	2,017	1,482	257	19,275	10,112
1954 ..	..	41,241	1,118	2,274	235	2,075	1,372	253	19,763	9,331
1953 ..	..	36,762	1,075	2,132	269	1,553	1,406	239	18,411	8,257

(a) Partly estimated. (b) In terms of WO₃ (tungstic oxide). (c) Subject to revision.
(d) Less than one half-ton.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Australia.

Year.	(1) Factories.	(2) Persons Em- ployed. (a)	(3) Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	(4) Value of Fuel, etc., Used.	(5) Value of Materials Used. (c)	(6) Value of Pro- duction. (d)	(7) Value of Output. (e)	(8) Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.
1938-39 ..	26,941	565,106	£'000. 106,743	£'000. 15,700	£'000. 281,303	£'000. 203,417	£'000. 500,420	£'000. 274,583
1958-54 ..	49,576	989,542	705,137	120,458	1,747,973	1,227,045	3,095,476	1,064,146
1954-55 ..	51,056	1,031,082	781,640	128,382	1,940,698	1,365,509	3,434,589	1,254,288
1955-56 ..	52,406	1,060,498	853,469	139,027	2,124,319	1,500,714	3,764,060	1,459,122
1956-57 ..	53,200	1,063,398	891,090	153,110	2,247,183	1,622,120	4,022,413	1,685,949
1957-58 ..	53,988	1,073,807	929,290	158,798	2,386,361	1,728,723	4,273,882	1,873,037

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Includes value of containers, packing, etc., tools replaced and repairs to plant. (d) Value of production equals figures in column (7) less total of figures in columns (4) and (5). (e) Value of goods produced including amounts received for work done. (f) Preliminary.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—States.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39.							
1. Factories ..	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Persons employed(a) ..	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) £'000	44,606	36,027	10,887	8,169	4,574	2,480	106,743
4. Value of fuel, etc., used ..	7,652	4,000	1,423	1,018	1,169	438	15,700
5. " materials usedc,,	120,502	82,971	42,596	20,309	9,604	5,321	281,303
6. " production(d) ..	90,266	65,996	19,302	13,678	8,776	5,399	203,417
7. " output(e) ..	218,420	152,967	63,321	35,005	19,549	11,158	500,420
8. " land & buildings,,	57,354	42,026	12,299	8,711	6,814	3,717	130,921
9. " plant & mchnry,,	62,693	38,627	18,095	9,750	8,095	6,402	143,662
1956-57.							
1. Factories ..	21,838	16,232	5,537	4,063	3,935	1,595	53,200
2. Persons employed(a) ..	436,369	355,204	103,426	91,981	48,748	27,670	1,063,398
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) £'000	378,332	296,608	77,780	77,818	36,916	23,636	891,090
4. Value of fuel, etc., used ..	71,445	40,381	13,130	14,130	9,225	4,799	153,110
5. " materials usedc,,	948,333	707,730	244,973	184,209	104,969	56,909	2,247,183
6. " production(d) ..	706,799	528,031	138,400	126,766	73,442	48,682	1,622,120
7. " output(e) ..	1,726,637	1,276,142	396,503	325,105	187,636	110,390	4,022,413
8. " land & buildings,,	303,981	252,024	58,654	55,343	35,520	56,473	761,995
9. " plant & mchnry,,	363,310	290,785	89,904	71,847	63,272	44,836	923,954
1957-58							
1. Factories ..	22,270	16,426	5,528	4,168	3,941	1,655	53,988
2. Persons employed(a) ..	445,802	357,143	101,844	92,472	48,462	28,084	1,073,807
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) £'000	396,692	310,540	78,958	79,844	37,935	25,321	929,290
4. Value of fuel, etc., used ..	73,452	42,762	13,152	14,933	9,425	5,074	158,798
5. " materials usedc,,	1,016,923	768,459	248,647	183,880	111,525	56,922	2,386,361
6. " production(d) ..	757,862	566,476	143,958	133,285	75,312	51,830	1,728,723
7. " output(e) ..	1,848,242	1,377,697	405,957	332,098	196,262	113,826	4,273,882
8. " land & buildings,,	350,169	280,207	63,927	61,084	36,846	59,453	851,686
9. " plant & mchnry,,	415,838	310,879	104,598	79,336	63,840	46,860	1,021,351

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Includes value of containers, packing, etc., tools replaced and repairs to plant. (d) Value of production equals figures in line 7 less total of figures in lines 4 and 5. (e) Value of goods produced, including amounts received for work done.

Manufacturing Industries—Value of Production(a)—Australia.
(£'000.)

Class of Industry.	1938-39.	1955-56.	1956-57.	1957-58.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	5,146	34,543	37,405	40,542
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, etc.	5,572	31,903	32,266	34,319
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, Grease	12,456	119,163	136,886	145,659
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Conveyances	62,435	596,962	640,831	694,496
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate	931	7,479	7,346	7,929
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods (not dress)	10,913	81,800	91,469	91,498
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	3,183	16,983	16,523	16,390
VIII. Clothing (except Knitted)	16,551	102,468	105,518	108,070
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco	41,601	197,798	214,430	224,936
X. Sawmills, Joinery, Boxes, etc., Wood Turning and Carving	9,461	78,493	79,629	83,053
XI. Furniture of Wood, Bedding, etc.	4,200	24,896	26,330	28,701
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, etc.	14,559	99,050	108,710	120,706
XIII. Rubber	2,761	25,894	28,580	30,209
XIV. Musical Instruments	136	2,616	3,657	2,105
XV. Miscellaneous Products	2,093	23,170	31,884	34,019
XVI. Heat, Light and Power	11,409	52,491	60,616	66,091
Total	203,417	1,500,714	1,622,120	1,728,723

(a) See note (d) to previous table.

Manufacturing Industries—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid per Employee(a)
(£.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females ..	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1953-54—Males ..	844.05	833.71	733.34	824.49	754.20	791.86	820.98
Females ..	499.19	510.96	418.23	465.95	421.93	477.84	493.10
1954-55—Males ..	906.61	891.40	773.47	883.13	797.80	833.05	877.84
Females ..	514.94	529.63	431.68	477.11	434.21	487.12	509.56
1955-56—Males ..	967.45	955.00	802.89	925.47	839.62	904.78	933.92
Females ..	540.06	547.43	445.22	496.84	449.61	500.06	530.23
1956-57—Males ..	1010.17	981.79	857.46	953.41	856.63	970.12	970.91
Females ..	569.11	578.14	464.71	507.54	467.29	536.99	557.95
1957-58—Males ..	1034.18	1023.48	881.56	970.32	884.67	1018.47	1001.28
Females ..	586.89	597.81	487.73	536.47	479.08	569.51	578.11

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

Manufacturing Industries—Average Number of Males and Females Employed(a)
over whole Year, 1957-58.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males	337,211	259,404	84,871	75,909	42,039	23,081	822,515
Females	108,591	97,739	16,973	16,563	6,423	5,003	251,292
Masculinity(b) ..	311	265	500	453	655	461	327

(a) Includes working proprietors.

(b) Number of males per 100 females.

PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES—AUSTRALIA.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	1938-39.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.	1957-58. (a)	
Beer.. ..	Mill. gal.	89	209	222	227	221	(b) 233	
Biscuits	Mill. lb.	73.7	150.5	150.8	158.6	162.5	165.7	
Blankets	Thousand	1,147	1,202	1,532	1,657	1,678	1,853	
Boots, Shoes and Sandals	'000 pair	13,967	20,476	19,881	19,816	20,861	21,298	
Bricks, Clay	Million	721	802	839	840	805	883	
Cement Building Sheets	Mill. sq. yds.	9.5	26.1	28.1	26.7	25.4	26.3	
Cement, Portland	'000 tons	868	1,700	1,920	2,035	2,173	2,320	
Cloth, Woven, Woollen(c)	Mill sq. yds.	31.8	35.0	31.1	30.3	32.8	32.1	
Coal—Black	'000 tons	12,008	19,424	19,352	19,033	19,711	20,362	
Brown	" "	3,663	8,731	9,668	10,383	10,772	10,866	
Confectionery—Chocolate	Mill. lb.	43.5	62.6	57.0	62.4	68.8	62.5	
Other	" "	58.1	76.9	81.5	83.1	87.4	88.7	
Copper, Refined(d)	'000 tons	17.5	20.9	30.4	24.5	32.5	35.8	
Electricity	Mill. kWh	4,688	13,707	15,172	16,675	18,289	19,793	
Electric Motors	Thousand	31.7	972.9	1,183.1	1,116.8	954.3	1,130.8	
Engines, Internal Combustion—								
Marine(e)	Number	2,957	1,357	1,380	1,246	1,780	2,956	
Other(f)	" "	2,889	27,467	48,275	103,342	183,151	188,682	
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	7,605	16,185	17,784	18,125	16,257	16,972	
Flour, Wheat	'000 short tons	1,373	1,609	1,553	1,571	1,632	1,351	
Fruit, Preserved(g)	Mill. lb.	150.7	338.6	319.2	304.3	289.5	340.9	
Gas(h)	Mill. cub. ft.	21,472	42,100	43,465	44,578	46,653	48,284	
Gold (Mine Production)	'000 fine oz.	1,621	1,111	1,080	1,032	1,060	1,106	
Hosiery—Men's and Boys'	'000 doz. pr.	1,102	1,895	1,664	1,560	5,214	4,810	
Women's and Girls'	" " "	2,747	3,363	3,549	3,367			
Children's	" " "							
Ice Cream	'000 gal.	4,262	13,678	14,796	16,018	15,647	16,440	
Iron and Steel(i)—Pig Iron	'000 tons	1,105	1,827	1,869	1,911	2,098	2,284	
Ingot Steel	" "	1,170	2,117	2,209	2,320	2,774	3,106	
Jam	'000 gal.	37.9	38.3	36.5	37.5	41.2	48.1	
Lacquers	'000 gal.	576	1,307	1,476	1,499	1,451	1,567	
Lead(j)	'000 tons	233	236	235	221	240	257	
Malt, Barley and Wheat	'000 bush.	3,733	7,253	7,663	7,928	8,060	8,367	
Margarine—Table	'000 lb.	7,448	21,866	21,972	26,552	38,632	35,422	
Other	" "	31,221	49,939	49,171	43,443	44,576	47,007	
Meat, Canned(k)	'000 tons	14.4	71.9	73.8	70.5	69.1	77.7	
Newsprint	" "	60.4	73.6	73.6	79.0	79.6	81.1	
Paints, Ready Mixed and Enamels	'000 gal.	2,690	7,879	9,739	10,679	10,873	11,164	
Refrigerators, Domestic	Thousand	29.5	274.5	280.6	247.4	195.5	193.7	
Silver, Refined	'000 fine oz.	9,455	8,360	7,627	8,136	8,725	8,459	
Slippers	'000 pr.	7,704	8,632	7,324	7,977	8,291	9,153	
Soap	'000 cwt.	998	1,225	1,263	1,270	1,232	1,304	
Stoves, Cooking(l) Electric (m)	Thousand	(n)	37.2	47.1	47.8	51.9	55.4	
Gas	" "	46.7	43.0	58.8	57.1	54.6	56.3	
Solid Fuel	" "	54.5	50.4	49.8	47.3	46.0	45.0	
Sugar, Refined	'000 tons	339	449	482	483	480	515	
Sulphate of Ammonia	" "	24.3	70.8	78.4	75.3	110.9	118.7	
Sulphuric Acid (100%)	" "	489	732	835	896	879	989	
Superphosphate	" "	1,199	1,771	1,961	2,126	1,975	2,220	
Tiles, Roofing—Terracotta	Million	39.7	63.8	63.9	64.7	57.7	59.4	
Cement	" "	4.5	44.7	53.7	53.8	44.6	48.3	
Timber, Sawn Native(o)	Mill. sup. ft.	717	1,400	1,449	1,450	1,419	1,400	
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	Mill. lb.	23.3	41.8	44.5	46.1	49.5	50.4	
Vegetables, Preserved(p)	" "	10.3	40.3	51.1	77.8	98.4	86.7	
Wool, Scoured	" "	105	137	136	145	166	154	
Wool Tops	" "	25.2	32.8	30.9	35.6	42.7	39.4	
Yarn, Woollen and Worsted	" "	32.5	45.9	42.6	43.2	47.7	45.9	
Zinc, Refined	'000 tons	69.8	99.2	100.5	103.9	106.5	116.0	

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes waste beer. (c) Includes wool in admixture with other fibres. (d) Excludes copper refined from imported blister copper. (e) Other than Diesel type. (f) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aeroplane. (g) Includes all types of preserved apples. (h) Made in gas-works only. (i) Year ended 31st May. (j) Includes lead content of lead bullion produced for export. (k) Excludes canned rabbit and poultry. (l) Domestic. (m) Excludes stoves, cookers, etc. (n) Figures prior to 1948-49 not available on a comparable basis. (o) Includes sawn sleepers. (p) Includes preserved tomatoes.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION(a)—AUSTRALIA.

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	1938-39. (b)	1952-53. (c)	1953-54. (d)	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.	1957-58.
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION. (£'000.)							
Agriculture ..	41,679	276,398	268,460	243,919	279,455	254,861	244,530
Pastoral(e) ..	63,820	493,745	491,716	461,464	446,780	597,681	447,247
Dairying ..	33,782	135,745	136,956	135,798	155,243	141,211	128,083
Poultry ..	7,302	35,213	34,782	29,787	30,185	23,402	27,326
Bee-farming(f) ..	123	1,066	1,426	1,398	1,761	2,254	1,566
Total Rural ..	146,706	942,167	933,340	872,366	913,414	1,024,409	848,752
Trapping(f) ..	1,422	5,595	5,074	4,261	6,047	6,013	6,027
Forestry(f) ..	7,811	40,064	41,720	44,047	50,059	52,099	51,306
Fishing and Whaling(f)	1,654	6,897	7,741	8,727	8,884	10,503	10,402
Mining and Quarrying	27,375	109,671	104,875	118,087	132,508	139,977	128,867
Total Non-Rural ..	38,262	162,227	159,410	175,822	197,498	208,595	196,602
Total All Primary ..	184,968	1,104,394	1,092,750	1,048,188	1,110,912	1,233,004	1,045,354
Factories ..	203,417	1,082,862	1,227,045	1,365,509	1,500,714	1,622,120	1,728,723
Total All Industries	388,385	2,187,256	2,319,795	2,413,697	2,611,626	2,855,124	2,774,077

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Agriculture ..	6 0 6	31 16 1	30 6 4	26 16 8	29 19 11	26 14 7	15 1 10
Pastoral(e) ..	9 4 7	56 16 2	55 10 7	50 15 4	47 19 2	62 13 8	45 17 10
Dairying ..	4 17 9	15 12 4	15 9 4	14 18 9	16 13 4	14 16 2	13 2 10
Poultry ..	1 1 1	4 1 1	3 18 7	3 5 6	3 4 10	2 19 7	2 16 1
Bee-farming(f) ..	0 0 4	0 2 5	0 3 2	0 3 1	0 3 9	0 4 9	0 3 2
Total Rural ..	21 4 3	108 8 1	105 8 0	95 19 4	98 1 0	107 8 9	87 1 9
Trapping(f) ..	0 4 1	0 12 11	0 11 6	0 10 11	0 13 0	0 12 7	0 12 4
Forestry(f) ..	1 2 7	4 12 2	4 14 3	4 16 11	5 7 5	5 9 3	5 5 3
Fishing and Whaling(f)	0 4 10	0 15 11	0 17 6	0 19 2	0 19 1	1 2 0	1 1 4
Mining and Quarrying	3 19 2	12 12 4	11 16 10	12 19 10	14 4 6	14 13 8	13 4 7
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 8	18 13 4	18 0 1	19 6 10	21 4 0	21 17 6	20 3 6
Total All Primary ..	26 14 11	127 1 5	123 8 1	115 6 2	119 5 0	129 6 3	107 5 3
Factories ..	29 8 4	124 11 1	138 11 5	150 4 4	161 1 11	170 2 6	177 7 8
Total All Industries	56 3 3	251 13 4	261 19 6	265 10 6	280 6 11	299 8 9	284 12 11

(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, etc. (b) Excludes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory for Mining and Quarrying only. (d) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory for Mining and Quarrying only. (e) Distributions of profits from the 1939-45 War-time Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded. (f) Local value.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION, (a) 1957-58.

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.(b)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION. (£'000.)							
Agriculture	44,754	64,971	62,898	32,318	27,338	12,050	244,530
Pastoral(c)	157,679	115,970	80,301	44,863	36,947	8,078	447,247
Dairying	44,941	46,153	18,725	7,834	3,436	6,841	128,083
Poultry	9,806	14,042	352	1,555	524	928	27,326
Bee-farming(d) ..	764	268	73	183	243	32	1,566
Total Rural	257,944	241,404	162,349	86,753	68,488	27,929	848,752
Trapping(d)	1,851	3,287	226	483	60	116	6,027
Forestry(d)	15,341	13,088	9,414	3,587	5,112	4,547	51,306
Fishing and Whaling(d)	2,792	1,104	1,542	1,074	3,226	508	10,402
Mining and Quarrying ..	66,091	9,888	18,810	9,320	15,376	7,031	128,867
Total Non-rural ..	86,075	27,367	29,992	14,464	23,774	12,202	196,602
Total All Primary ..	344,019	268,771	192,341	101,217	92,262	40,131	1,045,354
Factories	757,862	566,476	143,953	133,235	75,312	51,830	1,728,723
Total All Industries..	1,102,320	835,247	336,299	234,502	167,574	91,961	2,774,077

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION. (£ s. d.)

Agriculture	12 4 8	24 0 0	44 16 5	36 9 7	39 2 8	36 1 4	25 1 10
Pastoral(c)	43 2 1	42 16 9	57 4 6	50 12 9	52 17 10	24 3 7	45 17 10
Dairying	12 5 8	17 0 11	13 6 11	8 16 10	4 18 5	20 9 6	13 2 10
Poultry	2 13 7	5 3 9	0 5 0	1 15 1	0 15 0	2 15 7	2 16 1
Bee-farming(d) ..	0 4 2	0 2 0	0 1 0	0 4 1	0 6 11	0 1 11	0 3 2
Total Rural	70 10 2	89 3 5	115 13 10	97 18 4	98 0 10	83 11 11	87 1 9
Trapping(d)	0 10 2	1 2 3	0 3 3	0 10 11	0 1 9	0 6 11	0 12 4
Forestry(d)	4 3 10	4 16 8	6 14 2	4 0 11	7 6 4	13 12 2	5 5 3
Fishing and Whaling(d)	0 15 3	0 8 2	1 2 0	1 4 3	4 12 4	1 10 5	1 1 4
Mining and Quarrying ..	18 1 4	3 13 1	13 8 1	10 10 5	22 0 3	21 0 11	13 4 7
Total Non-Rural ..	23 10 7	10 2 2	21 7 6	16 6 6	34 0 8	36 10 5	20 3 6
Total All Primary ..	94 0 9	99 5 7	137 1 4	114 4 10	132 1 6	120 2 4	107 5 3
Factories	207 3 3	209 5 0	102 11 9	150 8 10	107 16 3	155 2 7	177 7 8
Total All Industries..	301 4 0	308 10 7	239 13 1	264 13 8	239 17 9	275 4 11	284 12 11

(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, etc. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Distributions of profits from the War-time Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded. (d) Local value.

INDEXES OF QUANTUM(a) OF FARM PRODUCTION.

(Base : Average 1936-37 to 1938-39=100.)

Year.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1952-53	121	126	108	121	131	118
1953-54	129	123	107	122	128	120
1954-55	120	127	117	123	132	120
1955-56	134	136	120	131	146	127
1956-57	121	148	117	131	164	121
1957-58(b) ..	109	142	114	124	148	116

(a) Indexes of value at constant prices, i.e. quantities revalued at average unit values of base years (1936-37 to 1938-39). (b) Subject to revision.

SECTION III.—BUILDING.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED, NINE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Material of Outer Walls.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Aust.
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone ..	4,808	7,660	574	5,010	2,746	451	91	900	21,740
Wood (Weatherboard, etc.) ..	6,724	9,154	4,165	89	38	1,230	1	42	21,443
Fibro Cement ..	9,754	1,018	1,279	809	1,626	70	198	3	14,757
Other ..	13	412	79	3	3	..	2	..	512
Total ..	20,799	18,244	6,097	5,911	4,413	1,751	292	945	58,452

(a) Includes flats.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Aust.
COMMENCED.									
1953-54 ..	(b)27,590	20,915	8,513	6,792	7,608	2,665	(c)	355	(b)74,438
1954-55 ..	24,348	22,674	7,784	7,190	8,575	2,867	249	640	74,327
1955-56 ..	23,506	21,245	7,173	8,377	6,336	2,490	341	499	69,967
1956-57 ..	23,477	19,649	7,572	6,832	5,565	2,591	251	509	66,446
1957-58 ..	24,177	21,933	7,050	6,951	5,328	2,378	311	1,130	69,267
Nine months ended—									
March, 1958 ..	17,764	16,018	5,177	5,136	4,003	1,750	211	827	50,886
March, 1959 ..	19,913	16,955	5,862	5,769	3,928	1,893	242	869	55,431

COMPLETED.

1953-54 ..	26,513	21,593	8,961	7,522	7,627	2,630	(c)	552	75,398
1954-55 ..	28,882	23,839	7,925	7,323	8,792	2,480	199	398	79,838
1955-56 ..	26,369	22,652	7,396	7,721	7,760	2,721	312	605	75,536
1956-57 ..	22,267	20,185	7,217	7,193	5,030	2,759	328	561	65,540
1957-58 ..	25,114	21,367	7,357	7,606	6,196	2,566	275	698	71,179
Nine months ended—									
March, 1958 ..	18,268	15,695	5,618	5,730	4,772	1,945	200	481	52,709
March, 1959 ..	20,799	18,244	6,097	5,911	4,413	1,751	292	945	58,452

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

1953-54 ..	(b)24,670	20,995	3,470	5,750	5,932	2,149	(c)	449	(b)63,415
1954-55 ..	20,136	19,827	3,329	5,602	5,715	2,536	211	691	58,047
1955-56 ..	17,273	18,399	3,106	6,252	4,284	2,305	240	585	52,444
1956-57 ..	18,488	17,863	3,461	5,854	4,819	2,137	163	533	53,313
1957-58 ..	17,546	18,429	3,154	5,199	3,951	1,949	199	974	51,401
Nine months ended—									
March, 1958 ..	17,979	18,186	3,020	5,260	4,050	1,942	174	879	51,490
March, 1959 ..	16,660	17,140	2,919	5,057	3,466	2,091	149	898	48,380

(a) Includes flats.

(b) Partly estimated.

(c) Not available.

NUMBER OF NEW FLATS COMPLETED.(a)

(INDIVIDUAL FLATS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1953-54 ..	1,011	689	156	99	212	13	(b)	..	2,180
1954-55 ..	701	781	309	105	316	48	..	12	2,272
1955-56 ..	776	1,273	200	86	584	49	(c)	..	2,968
1956-57 ..	861	897	174	230	365	105	(c)	264	2,896
1957-58 ..	1,331	1,104	331	372	171	41	(c)	56	3,406
Nine months ended—									
March, 1958 ..	953	814	263	294	115	41	(c)	12	2,492
March, 1959(d) ..	1,306	1,100	483	512	174	90	(c)	212	3,877

(a) Figures are additional to numbers of houses shown above. Each flat is counted as a separate unit, and the numbers shown relate to individual flats. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. (b) Not available. (c) Included with houses. (d) 5,298 flats were commenced during this period and 4,655 were under construction at 31st March, 1959.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED, NINE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)
 (£'000.)

Type of Building.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Houses ..	64,804	60,679	16,661	19,047	13,032	5,150	1,269	4,638	185,280
Flats ..	3,569	2,862	870	1,263	354	234	(a)	1,225	10,377
Hotels, Guest Houses, etc. ..	2,341	1,073	1,589	(b)	88	85		(b)	5,962
Shops ..	4,907	3,750	1,218	1,035	531	288	374	(b)	11,838
Factories ..	13,951	11,148	2,351	1,557	1,119	670	79	133	31,008
Business Premises—									
Office ..	8,211	5,848	2,294	979	1,106	504	(b)		20,172
Other ..	6,034	4,057	1,982	1,845	804	644			15,507
Educational ..	8,600	3,249	2,320	2,105	1,842	609	183	1,880	19,288
Religious ..	889	1,716	395	391	470	170			4,078
Health ..	3,294	3,216	1,452	(b)	3,294	161			15,142
Entertainment and Recreation	3,495	1,369	402	395	659	108	(b)		6,486
Miscellaneous ..	2,140	2,412	1,579	493	464	522	136	151	7,897
Total ..	122,235	101,379	33,113	33,259	23,763	9,145	2,063	8,078	333,035

(a) Included with houses.

(b) Not available for publication.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)
 (£'000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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COMMENCED.

1953-54 ..	109,103	89,689	27,839	25,649	26,369	9,224	(b)	2,856	290,729
1954-55 ..	121,351	102,693	32,073	29,946	35,458	10,836	1,605	5,932	339,894
1955-56 ..	133,257	121,416	35,024	43,202	26,972	9,889	2,300	4,708	376,768
1956-57 ..	135,798	109,334	37,841	31,888	22,241	14,138	1,765	5,959	358,994
1957-58 ..	137,189	122,133	37,128	35,659	25,065	12,733	2,259	8,588	380,754
Nine months ended—									
March, 1958 ..	100,869	87,185	27,153	26,099	19,623	9,027	1,430	6,480	277,866
March, 1959 ..	117,178	95,706	29,727	30,679	20,255	10,091	1,692	7,142	312,470

COMPLETED.

1953-54 ..	101,545	86,720	25,913	26,108	25,785	9,692	(b)	3,878	279,641
1954-55 ..	110,694	98,932	28,318	27,081	34,096	10,649	1,653	2,943	314,366
1955-56 ..	124,138	111,594	30,519	33,717	33,678	12,798	1,935	4,287	352,066
1956-57 ..	133,094	114,830	35,383	33,997	25,424	12,069	2,285	5,940	361,562
1957-58 ..	169,240	131,756	38,043	38,047	27,262	12,840	2,110	5,841	425,139
Nine months ended—									
March, 1958 ..	126,840	96,848	30,030	28,273	20,774	9,219	1,511	3,972	317,467
March, 1959 ..	122,235	101,379	33,113	33,259	23,763	9,145	2,063	8,078	333,035

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

1953-54 ..	104,895	103,081	19,699	23,730	25,701	11,782	(b)	7,249	296,137
1954-55 ..	117,498	112,055	23,446	26,854	29,102	12,399	1,573	10,643	333,570
1955-56 ..	132,693	128,525	28,210	36,996	25,550	9,864	1,967	11,240	375,045
1956-57 ..	138,792	127,943	31,332	36,792	26,217	12,085	1,555	11,520	386,236
1957-58 ..	113,548	122,750	30,968	35,337	24,587	11,946	1,745	14,589	355,470
Nine months ended—									
March, 1958 ..	118,575	121,784	29,239	35,450	25,523	11,922	1,522	14,341	358,356
March, 1959 ..	112,209	119,690	28,444	33,209	21,458	12,992	1,682	13,882	343,566

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) Not available.

SECTION IV.—OVERSEA TRADE.

OVERSEA TRADE—STATES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.	1957-58.
IMPORTS.					
New South Wales	53,088	346,096	336,976	314,383	352,653
Victoria	40,463	297,494	299,340	254,946	282,713
Queensland	9,070	68,883	61,738	48,884	49,498
South Australia	6,670	64,804	62,752	45,407	47,102
Western Australia	6,137	50,648	46,482	40,212	45,888
Tasmania	1,292	15,129	12,641	14,117	12,944
Northern Territory	34	688	1,155	1,004	1,089
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	..	..	4	38	53
Australia	116,754	843,742	821,088	718,991	791,940
EXPORTS. (a)					
New South Wales	45,903	220,657	225,650	292,432	230,532
Victoria	30,819	216,572	209,396	255,752	219,578
Queensland	28,652	154,483	152,145	190,384	156,493
South Australia	14,841	95,079	97,666	122,924	99,882
Western Australia	17,070	68,507	76,143	108,299	89,758
Tasmania	3,108	18,762	20,305	22,503	22,253
Northern Territory	13	104	559	612	655
Australia	140,496	774,164	781,864	992,906	819,151

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

OVERSEA TRADE—AUSTRALIA.

(f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports. (a)			Value per Head of Population.				
			Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.		
								Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.
1938-39 ..	£A'000 257,250	£A'000 116,754	£A'000 135,476	£A'000 5,020	£A'000 140,496	£ 37.1	£ 16.8	£ 19.6	£ 0.7	£ 20.3
1953-54 ..	1,509,941	681,609	820,057	8,275	828,332	169.6	76.6	92.1	0.9	93.0
1954-55 ..	1,617,906	843,742	765,883	8,281	774,164	178.0	92.8	84.3	0.9	85.2
1955-56 ..	1,602,952	821,088	768,090	13,774	781,864	172.0	88.1	82.4	1.5	83.9
1956-57 ..	1,712,296	718,991	979,244	13,662	992,906	179.6	75.4	102.3	1.4	104.2
1957-58 ..	1,611,091	791,940	804,358	14,793	819,151	163.2	81.3	82.5	1.5	84.0
Nine months ended—										
March, 1958 ..	1,241,005	594,432	635,791	10,782	646,573	127.67	61.15	65.41	1.11	66.52
March, 1959(b)	1,174,931	590,814	571,378	12,739	584,117	118.36	59.52	57.56	1.23	58.84

(a) Excludes the value of stores shipped in Australian ports on board oversea ships and aircraft. The values of ships and aircraft stores in £A'000 were: 1938-39, £2,106; 1953-54, £10,266; 1954-55, £13,181; 1955-56, £13,539; 1956-57, £14,208 and 1957-58, £12,798.

(b) Preliminary.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-).		
	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
1938-39 ..	113,217	3,537	116,754	121,533	18,063	140,496	+8,316	+15,426	+23,742
1953-54 ..	678,590	3,019	681,609	811,866	16,466	828,332	+133,276	+13,447	+146,723
1954-55 ..	840,972	2,770	843,742	758,041	16,123	774,164	-82,931	+13,353	-69,578
1955-56 ..	818,293	2,795	821,088	770,837	11,027	781,864	-47,456	+8,232	-39,224
1956-57 ..	716,682	2,309	718,991	972,998	19,908	992,906	+256,316	+17,599	+273,915
1957-58 ..	789,261	2,679	791,940	811,508	7,643	819,151	+22,246	+4,965	+27,211
Nine months ended—									
March, 1958 ..	592,313	2,119	594,432	639,439	7,134	646,573	+47,126	+5,015	+52,141
March, 1959(a) ..	589,075	1,739	590,814	579,564	4,553	584,117	-9,511	+2,814	-6,697

(a) Preliminary.

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OVERSEA TRADE.

Statistical Class.	United Kingdom.	Australian Territories.	Borneo (British).	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	South Africa, Union of.	Arabian States.	Belgium-Luxemburg.	Czechoslovakia.
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1959.(a)												
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	886	..	..	416	..	10	..	705	662	..	..	7
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	681	1,347	117	273	7,532	1,233	129	70	30	10	2	3
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	1,387	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
4. Tobacco ..	319	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	30	..	19	..
5. Live animals ..	166	..	..	..	..	..	16	216	..	..	..	..
6. Animal substances, not food-stuffs ..	349	52	..	8	..	455	..	751	61	..	11	1
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres ..	1,207	1,952	1	78	212	593	92	467	258	..	89	..
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	27,890	..	7	90	7	11,270	1	19	109	..	1,679	746
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	1,222	102	7,585	..	4	2,451	..	161	515	22,316	21	..
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	2,623	..	..	114	..	..	..	..	3	..	10	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	473	..	..	1,356	19	68	..	23	936	..	13	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	124,150	25	..	7,032	1	13	857	157	610	..	1,164	301
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	2,074	851	..	468	49	28	5,741	40	..	..	5	7
14. Wood and wicker ..	282	835	1,530	2,537	..	3	1,231	1,021	..	..	1	24
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	5,664	..	..	93	..	2	..	9	..	..	923	273
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	16,254	..	..	3,731	..	149	2	4,825	2	..	118	146
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	2,113	..	..	..	11	32	1	1	301	..	192	90
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	4,252	3	..	97	..	1	2	4	19	..	60	32
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc.	14,003	2,107	..	213	9	6	4	58	274	..	116	10
20. Miscellaneous ..	22,590	294	18	615	203	192	118	414	256	3	328	117
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	1	514	..	..	..	..	..	190	..	..	..	..
Nine months ended—												
March, 1959 ..	223,586	8,082	9,258	17,136	8,047	16,506	8,194	9,131	4,067	22,329	4,751	1,758
March, 1958 ..	247,976	6,751	9,893	16,996	6,423	18,119	8,234	9,582	4,864	21,938	4,687	2,006
Year 1957-58 ..	325,007	8,798	13,222	23,046	8,772	23,416	10,708	12,764	6,294	29,289	6,543	2,617
" 1956-57 ..	296,251	8,455	15,224	22,157	9,893	24,509	10,875	11,979	3,635	23,449	7,462	2,442
" 1955-56 ..	355,012	8,099	9,801	23,306	8,632	23,469	16,280	8,531	4,001	28,607	11,579	2,728
" 1954-55 ..	378,669	6,943	15,521	28,840	19,516	26,057	12,797	8,042	4,349	27,851	12,234	2,331
" 1953-54 ..	331,701	6,251	8,439	13,742	13,490	18,475	8,721	6,854	3,375	27,925	7,063	2,147
" 1938-39 ..	46,094	3,086	215	8,806	957	3,272	1,029	2,087	291	756	1,122	572

(a) Preliminary.

Imports into Australia of the Produce or Manufacture of the Undermentioned Countries—continued.
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Statistical Class.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia.	Iran.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Sweden.	Switzer- land.	United States of America.	Other Countries.	Total All Countries.
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1959.(a)												
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	5	132	..	..	110	1,277	44	9	23	395	1,190	5,871
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	46	49	3,755	3	331	32	406	11	31	7	4,708	20,806
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	173	16	..	..	31	1	9	..	..	2	53	1,674
4. Tobacco	3	13	..	..	1	..	186	..	2	9,324	2,911	12,823
5. Live animals	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	416
6. Animal substances, not food- stuffs	25	7	9	2	18	5	2	6	..	90	934	2,786
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres	55	622	577	25	174	90	123	85	27	4,135	4,255	15,117
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	1,749	2,731	8	8	2,349	13,182	1,670	33	2,120	481	6,072	72,221
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	211	133	18,454	15,495	233	79	169	11	4	3,926	5,332	78,473
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	24	421	..	..	54	231	71	..	466	729	65	4,811
11. Rocks, minerals and hydro- carbons	14	100	153	..	70	65	30	40	2	1,152	1,020	5,534
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	4,379	16,129	..	..	2,343	1,828	3,294	3,872	2,333	41,611	2,278	212,377
13. Rubber and leather and manu- factures thereof	224	105	..	..	233	50	11	15	13	2,798	66	12,778
14. Wood and wicker	67	90	97	..	32	185	14	334	15	1,928	1,317	11,543
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	443	524	2	..	110	1,297	38	76	9	800	480	10,743
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac- tures and stationery ..	89	670	..	..	177	290	522	4,086	48	2,116	2,976	36,201
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time- pieces	102	1,050	..	..	120	1,167	53	14	1,098	12	491	6,848
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	80	1,434	..	..	142	489	143	35	241	1,802	212	9,048
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc.	939	3,541	..	..	266	684	832	125	1,198	3,257	1,472	29,114
20. Miscellaneous	471	2,774	250	8	629	1,076	695	424	276	5,301	2,839	39,891
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,034	1,739
Nine months ended—												
March, 1959	9,100	30,541	23,305	15,541	7,473	22,027	8,312	9,176	7,906	79,866	39,722	500,814
March, 1958	7,495	28,457	20,212	12,722	8,086	17,467	8,191	9,274	7,336	81,645	36,073	594,432
Year 1957-58	10,333	41,516	23,089	18,837	10,768	23,315	11,073	11,700	10,176	104,453	50,654	791,940
„ 1956-57	9,297	31,079	26,356	17,804	9,112	12,884	10,555	11,510	8,219	95,544	50,330	718,991
„ 1955-56	15,626	34,998	22,401	22,819	11,821	22,592	13,233	12,043	10,596	93,790	55,269	821,088
„ 1954-55	14,689	30,838	22,529	5,934	11,740	18,422	13,081	13,516	10,532	102,157	62,104	843,742
„ 1953-54	11,793	21,365	21,972	47	11,182	6,545	9,618	10,230	9,492	73,254	52,928	681,609
„ 1938-39	1,172	(b) 4,710	(c) 8,117	956	781	4,666	799	1,079	1,072	16,699	6,106	(d) 116,754

(a) Preliminary.

(b) Pre-war Germany.

(c) Pre-war Netherlands East Indies.

(d) Includes outside packages not distributed according to countries.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	United Kingdom.	Australian Territories.	Canada.	Ceylon.	Hong Kong.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	South Africa, Union of.	Belgium-Luxemburg.	Czechoslovakia.
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1959.(a)												
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	66,313	1,387	2,875	1,787	799	334	3,543	117	2,835	22	309	..
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	42,127	1,596	7,323	1,451	2,729	524	3,022	8,683	1,952	195	1,465	..
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	549	237	265	1	15	6	36	108	27	2	..	..
4. Tobacco ..	1	173	..	3	..	1	5	83	15	..	..	..
5. Live animals ..	16	58	..	3	65	1	56	50	299	2	1	..
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs ..	56,107	7	1,010	5	1,053	1,885	9	390	2	420	11,455	3,890
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres ..	88	6	7	1	6	..	1	137	..	21	4	..
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	183	252	28	1	7	6	9	435	4	10	3	1
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	1,384	348	19	641	55	221	549	5,928	630	943	47	..
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	13	166	..	2	21	12	11	250	17	2	..	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	2,088	27	3	2	1	18	50	359	7	21	1,156	12
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	12,420	2,961	117	223	581	3,220	1,370	14,110	603	1,175	2,736	..
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	1,844	196	9	42	347	16	60	263	27	105	2	..
14. Wood and wicker ..	281	86	25	6	9	1,025	4	918	3	303	9	..
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	11	177	5	..	1	..	8	308	..	4	..	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	253	152	2	20	9	2	31	1,187	43	33	..	..
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	57	25	10	13	7	1	1	65	26	36	..	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	237	89	3	1	2	3	4	581	5	25	10	..
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc. ..	393	473	62	32	67	33	236	1,922	48	57	7	..
20. Miscellaneous ..	1,877	3,759	43	30	269	197	1,995	1,858	843	67	4	11
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie ..	152	34	14	67	3,224	..	..	53	..	..	..	..
Nine months ended—												
March, 1959 ..	186,394	12,209	11,820	4,331	9,267	7,505	11,000	37,805	7,386	3,443	17,208	3,914
March, 1958 ..	170,328	12,060	11,258	4,880	11,163	9,453	8,964	40,029	10,152	3,805	22,377	5,688
Year 1957-58 ..	221,421	16,073	14,133	5,939	12,575	11,689	12,266	55,455	12,685	5,186	28,111	6,756
" 1956-57 ..	277,476	16,013	10,681	10,582	23,432	28,580	9,088	51,002	14,129	2,784	35,039	7,558
" 1955-56 ..	257,414	15,102	10,911	8,687	14,053	12,159	9,337	40,928	12,100	2,438	26,173	4,775
" 1954-55 ..	285,506	12,979	10,503	8,723	17,315	19,423	8,410	37,794	11,600	2,869	31,252	5,078
" 1953-54 ..	300,765	12,416	11,037	11,847	7,773	14,293	9,143	33,469	11,288	3,588	32,663	3,788
" 1938-39 ..	68,716	1,176	1,994	1,327	475	1,965	1,911	6,682	(b)	813	5,547	378

(a) Preliminary.

(b) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Exports from Australia to the Undermentioned Countries—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	China. (Mainland)	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Poland.	Sweden.	United States of America.	Other Countries.	Total, All Countries.
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1959.(a)												
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	62	88	713	117	548	271	431	..	7	14,050	8,231	104,889
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	257	21	4,079	421	405	12,891	746	..	277	122	15,137	105,423
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	..	..	4	258	1,514
4. Tobacco ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	98	379
5. Live animals ..	..	..	1	1	1	116	3	..	..	92	167	932
6. Animal substances, not food- stuffs ..	4,667	32,596	11,101	..	21,427	51,991	1,271	8,508	599	10,612	17,794	236,799
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres ..	..	6	97	7	8	18	20	..	2	255	39	723
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	12	3	18	..	209	93	19	11	2	189	265	1,760
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	..	10	158	9	154	869	295	31	1	63	5,040	17,395
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	..	4	27	..	..	1	..	..	2	176	704
11. Rocks, minerals and hydro- carbons ..	107	416	370	3	192	3,336	450	36	293	3,808	1,409	14,164
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	5,731	140	831	337	63	2,593	328	..	51	7,780	4,942	62,312
13. Rubber and leather and manu- factures thereof ..	43	..	12	5	17	30	7	..	22	38	234	3,324
14. Wood and wicker ..	4	1	35	..	..	26	7	..	..	51	509	3,302
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	..	..	..	..	10	4	..	..	1	22	185	736
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac- tures and stationery ..	..	..	4	14	9	1	1	..	1	36	164	1,962
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time- pieces ..	..	1	61	..	1	183	6	..	..	100	51	644
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	..	1	14	2	1	10	13	..	2	213	95	1,311
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc. ..	3	2	17	47	4	464	41	..	..	993	617	5,518
20. Miscellaneous ..	4	22	67	54	92	288	114	..	94	828	3,256	15,773
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1,000	4,553
Nine months ended—												
March, 1959 ..	10,895	33,307	17,582	1,045	23,141	73,188	3,754	8,587	1,352	39,267	59,717	584,117
March, 1958 ..	7,738	60,276	26,439	3,923	38,967	79,772	3,780	11,308	2,354	36,046	65,813	646,573
Year 1957-58 ..	9,768	69,841	33,128	4,051	46,344	102,717	5,622	14,257	4,014	45,404	81,716	819,151
„ 1956-57 ..	6,438	91,974	46,948	6,820	52,953	138,877	5,547	12,553	2,440	66,111	75,881	992,906
„ 1955-56 ..	2,701	67,314	36,431	6,705	34,621	88,490	6,192	8,253	3,483	55,004	60,593	781,864
„ 1954-55 ..	2,705	64,056	31,823	3,702	35,915	58,572	6,857	6,243	3,243	52,440	57,151	774,164
„ 1953-54 ..	2,192	74,401	27,096	6,585	51,326	55,698	5,578	7,286	3,601	55,534	56,965	828,332
„ 1938-39 ..	3,023	9,386	(b) 2,652	(c) 1,380	1,211	4,865	1,039	426	637	19,562	5,331	140,496

(a) Preliminary.

(b) Pre-war Germany.

(c) Pre-war Netherlands East Indies.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.
(£A'000.)

Statistical Class and Excise Division or Item.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
GROSS CUSTOMS.				
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin	106	101	278	273
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin	455	483	1,231	1,233
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	634	624	2,296	2,471
4. Tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and snuff	2,866	2,540	9,167	9,156
5. Live animals .. .. .	..	..	..	..
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not foodstuffs	2	1	6	5
7. Vegetable substances and fibres	64	55	196	171
8a. Yarns and manufactured fibres	131	112	461	372
8b. Textiles	2,012	1,820	5,777	5,473
8c. Apparel	624	549	1,672	1,611
9. Oils, fats and waxes(a)	2,612	3,542	7,661	8,282
10. Pigments, paints and varnishes	41	52	124	147
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons	10	8	29	30
12a. Metals and metal manufactures	2,671	2,571	7,610	8,061
12b. Dynamo electrical machinery and electrical appliances, etc.	1,017	858	3,127	2,859
12c. Machines and machinery (except dynamo electrical)	2,078	1,790	5,818	5,469
13a. Rubber and rubber manufactures	323	86	1,003	498
13b. Leather and leather manufactures	26	25	80	87
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured	489	299	1,170	1,018
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware	458	439	1,381	1,528
16a. Pulp, paper and board	160	147	383	416
16b. Paper manufactures and stationery	102	93	358	370
17. Sporting material, toys, jewellery and timepieces	371	335	1,690	1,858
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments, etc.	276	278	879	887
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc.	344	336	1,049	1,063
20. Miscellaneous goods (including passenger's baggage and Post Office collections)	531	534	1,796	1,789
Sundry undistributed duties	60	194	244	344
Duties under Industries Preservation Act	2	1	2	5
Other Miscellaneous Customs receipts	85	72	189	226
Total Customs	18,550	17,945	55,677	55,702
Primage	577	529	2,168	1,721
Total Gross Customs Revenue	19,127	18,474	57,845	57,423
GROSS EXCISE.				
Beer	26,687	26,862	82,327	81,845
Spirits	1,564	1,589	6,070	6,267
Tobacco	4,032	3,451	12,596	11,481
Cigars and cigarettes	13,205	13,191	38,579	41,645
Petrol, etc.(a)	11,912	11,152	34,150	34,983
Playing cards	10	11	35	37
Cigarette papers and tubes	211	186	646	612
Matches	254	246	827	814
Coal	122	122	444	429
Other Excise	456	500	1,463	2,127
Total Gross Excise Revenue	58,453	57,310	177,137	180,240
Total Gross Customs and Excise Revenue	77,580	75,784	234,982	237,663
Refunds and Drawback paid	1,409	1,195	4,614	3,952
Total Net Customs and Excise Revenue	76,171	74,589	230,368	233,711

(a) Duty on aviation turbine kerosene and diesel fuel was first collected on 4th September, 1957.

4. VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED AND EXPORTED DURING THE
MARCH QUARTER OF 1958 AND 1959 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED
MARCH, 1958 AND 1959.

AUSTRALIA.

TOTAL IMPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Cheese	60	98	210	299
Fish—				
Fresh or preserved by cold process ..	642	626	1,647	1,832
Preserved in airtight containers ..	1,086	908	2,351	2,347
Other	270	215	744	517
Lactose	60	66	186	173
Meats—				
Sausage casings, natural	521	194	976	482
Other	11	8	39	63
Other foodstuffs of animal origin ..	71	37	257	158
Total, Class I.	2,721	2,152	6,410	5,871
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Cocoa butter	395	146	897	600
Cocoa beans, mass, paste or slab ..	381	1,303	669	1,950
Coffee and chicory	788	1,006	2,011	2,386
Confectionery, including cocoa and chocolate	54	53	177	184
Fruit, dried, dates	170	164	186	166
Grain and pulse	467	59	692	450
Hops	113	240	165	301
Nuts, edible	438	336	1,668	1,196
Pectin	12	12	42	35
Pickles and sauces	35	34	148	105
Spices	164	180	521	533
Sugar and sugar syrups	27	20	190	280
Tea	2,784	3,533	9,016	11,796
Vegetables, fresh or frozen	14	..	89	42
Vegetables, preserved in airtight containers ..	40	41	112	109
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	263	205	742	673
Total, Class II.	6,145	7,332	17,325	20,806
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale and other beer, porter, cider and perry	5	6	19	22
Spirits (beverages)—				
Whisky	357	336	1,250	1,272
Other	70	91	245	286
Wine, fermented	22	31	82	94
Total, Class III.	454	464	1,596	1,674

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes	79	74	249	268
Cigars	37	43	150	172
Snuff	1	..	2	1
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	53	42	180	145
Unmanufactured	5,069	4,486	12,956	12,237
Total, Class IV.	5,239	4,645	13,537	12,823
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	279	179	519	416
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Coarse hair and fibre	191	268	616	735
Hides and skins—				
Calf and cattle	17	6	47	34
Furred skins	108	112	313	306
Goat	41	103	200	220
Other	38	11	65	38
Shells	8	12	31	40
Wool	491	347	1,625	1,166
Other animal substances	94	80	310	247
Total, Class VI.	988	939	3,207	2,786
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND MAN-MADE FIBRES.				
Copra	427	847	1,702	2,112
Cork and manufactures	134	123	417	383
Fibres—				
Coir	60	57	174	171
Cotton, raw	1,990	1,424	5,009	4,736
Flax, hemp and ramie	31	30	68	101
Jute	118	258	427	486
Kapok	31	33	126	115
Sisal	375	456	1,098	1,499
Man-made fibres and filaments	780	922	2,331	2,911
Other	64	35	171	120
Gums and resins	252	341	1,052	1,054
Seeds—				
Gardening, agricultural and horticultural	437	309	1,211	826
Other oil seeds and nuts (excluding copra)	52	28	139	104
Tanning substances	95	86	373	295
Other vegetable substances	69	62	245	204
Total, Class VII.	4,915	5,011	14,543	15,117

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
<i>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—</i>				
Bags and sacks—				
Corn and flour	520	1,001	4,170	4,911
Woolpacks	683	427	1,937	1,127
Other	144	95	479	286
Cordage and twines and manufactures thereof	85	73	254	259
Sewing and other silk, cotton, etc. Yarns—	481	594	1,613	1,592
Cotton	1,026	645	2,776	2,211
Hair	113	50	199	130
Man-made fibre	2,402	1,021	8,198	4,367
Wool or chiefly of wool	56	44	154	98
Other	37	47	104	114
Waste materials and scrap textile articles	3	4	13	14
Total, Class VIII.(a)	5,550	4,001	19,897	15,109
<i>(b) Textiles—</i>				
Blankets and blanketing	134	106	247	192
Floor coverings	1,964	1,744	5,463	5,272
Articles of furnishing, drapery and napery—				
Handkerchiefs, serviettes and tablecloths	231	171	968	1,022
Other	131	133	411	465
Piece-goods—				
Canvas and duck, not impregnated	201	217	730	702
Cotton and linen, not impregnated	10,197	9,148	30,384	28,231
Fabrics and felts, impregnated ..	200	217	576	705
Jute, including hessians and brattice cloth	596	886	2,376	2,344
Man-made fibre	1,833	1,546	5,522	4,698
Silk	235	247	860	881
Velvets, velveteens, etc.	813	764	1,417	1,329
Wool or chiefly of wool	543	469	1,227	1,048
Felt	154	148	425	487
Other	391	483	1,643	1,314
Towels and towelling	320	215	1,119	912
Other textiles	176	141	542	493
Total, Class VIII.(b)	18,119	16,635	53,910	50,095
<i>(c) Apparel—</i>				
Buttons, including snap fasteners ..	98	97	312	284
Footwear	165	168	512	672
Garments—				
Knitted—				
Hosiery	119	100	291	262
Outerwear	176	271	288	450
Underwear	14	14	53	34
Other	201	23	306	44

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—continued.				
<i>(c) Apparel—continued.</i>				
Garments—continued.				
Not knitted—				
Outerwear (including blouses)	351	267	665	603
Sleeping wear, underwear, shirts and other sewn garments	16	8	124	160
Gloves	476	354	1,052	891
Hats and caps	241	186	660	563
Trimmings and ornaments—				
Embroidery in the piece	156	125	578	434
Lace, nets and veilings	435	354	1,436	1,126
Ribbons and galloons	66	57	197	168
Other	249	265	722	789
Other apparel	212	183	628	537
Total, Class VIII.(c)	2,975	2,472	7,824	7,017
Total, Class VIII.	26,644	23,108	81,631	72,221
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats, greases and waxes	372	318	1,136	1,050
Oils—				
Castor	31	64	178	126
Linseed	388	378	1,107	1,122
Olive	180	262	558	629
Peanut (china)	334	237	855	694
Petroleum—				
Crude	17,650	17,153	49,392	52,308
Kerosene (including aviation turbine fuel)	1,064	1,209	3,933	3,752
Lubricating (mineral)	1,460	1,770	4,191	4,628
Residual and solar	544	176	1,544	724
Spirit	3,005	4,420	8,607	10,526
Turpentine substitutes	293	254	831	878
Other	152	227	1,151	591
Tung (china wood)	66	55	192	170
Other	259	347	1,163	1,275
Total, Class IX.	25,798	26,870	74,838	78,473
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Colour pigments—				
Black	396	407	1,227	1,246
Titanium oxide and titanium white	594	234	1,283	755
Other	207	168	617	511
Dyes, natural and synthetic, including lakes				
Paints, colours and varnishes	718	685	2,344	1,980
	83	89	264	319
Total, Class X.	1,998	1,583	5,735	4,811

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDRO-CARBONS.				
Abrasives (natural)	72	114	402	341
Asbestos	514	648	2,040	2,142
Sulphur	527	499	1,381	1,414
Other rocks, minerals, etc. .. .	490	503	1,606	1,637
Total, Class XI.	1,603	1,764	5,429	5,534
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—</i>				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)	1,241	1,001	2,750	3,432
Bolts, nuts, rivets and washers ..	137	90	426	311
Chain and chains of base metal ..	172	199	546	557
Copper and copper-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)—				
Pigs, ingots and blocks ..	17	61	351	159
Other	222	205	806	709
Cutlery	517	317	1,541	1,448
Fencing posts and droppers ..	176	..	415	..
Heating and cooking appliances ..	287	235	729	680
Iron and steel (including special ferro-alloys)—				
Bars, rods, hoop, ingot, etc. ..	1,358	1,225	3,482	2,746
Ferro-alloys (mainly in ingot form)	415	425	1,482	1,207
Pig, scrap and powder	7	10	26	19
Pipes, tubes and fittings therefor	475	501	1,574	1,378
Plate and sheet—				
Galvanized	40	68	97	159
Plain	700	752	1,873	2,691
Tinned, plated, polished and decorated	1,868	2,212	8,509	6,350
Structural	63	338	265	754
Kitchenware	87	72	294	268
Lamps and lampware	165	155	556	519
Leaf and foil	547	490	1,423	1,305
Meters and parts	683	330	1,827	902
Pins, hooks, eyes, needles and slide fasteners	64	64	215	199
Tin (ingots, etc., basic shapes, scrap)	198	264	770	765
Tools of trade	948	838	2,186	2,663
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and parts	1,898	3,940	8,095	8,720
Cycles and cycle parts	145	127	423	458
Motor cycles, side-cars, etc. ..	382	248	1,030	893
Motor vehicles (excl. fire engines and fork lift trucks)—				
Complete	1,028	1,405	3,025	3,622
Bodies, chassis and parts ..	13,232	12,653	40,645	44,553
Railway and tramway vehicles (including trolley buses) and parts	69	150	331	206
Other and parts	939	448	3,069	1,618

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—*continued*.

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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—<i>continued</i>.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—continued.</i>				
Wire, single strand—				
Iron and steel	221	154	475	486
Copper and copper base alloys ..	17	26	73	87
Other	104	113	313	367
Wire manufactures—*				
Iron and steel	207	184	605	501
Other	2	4	2	55
Other metals and semi-manufactures†	596	369	1,539	1,187
Other metal manufactures	2,432	2,683	6,527	7,678
Total, Class XII.(a)	31,659	32,356	98,925	100,652
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment—</i>				
Batteries and accumulators	113	107	320	324
Cable and wire, covered	260	139	601	561
Communication equipment, including radio and television	2,724	2,245	8,187	7,306
Dynamo electrical machines—				
Electric motors	988	902	2,760	2,328
Other	1,278	643	3,684	1,895
Hearing aids	81	78	225	230
Heating and cooking appliances	185	161	616	588
Ignition equipment for internal combustion engines	65	43	272	138
Lamps, bulbs, tubes, etc.	401	458	1,264	1,407
Measuring and recording instruments	320	241	713	644
Protective equipment	239	316	700	743
Regulating, starting and controlling apparatus	1,440	1,416	4,284	4,050
Transformers and rectifiers	711	1,141	1,848	2,832
Other electrical machinery and appliances	1,116	1,324	3,073	3,777
Total, Class XII.(b)	9,921	9,214	28,547	26,823
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—</i>				
Air and gas compressors	484	631	1,031	1,544
Agricultural, horticultural, etc., machinery—				
Harvesting	294	415	1,493	1,793
Other	207	149	719	752
Cranes, hoists and other lifting machinery	231	443	742	824
Dairying machinery	203	220	503	534
Hand tools (power driven)	330	334	964	971

* For cable and wire, covered, *see* Class XII.(b). † Includes all basic shapes, castings and forgings in the rough and pipes and tubes, flexible or metal-cased.

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—*continued*.
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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—<i>continued</i>.				
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—continued.</i>				
Household machines (except sewing and refrigerating)—				
Vacuum cleaners	157	105	541	270
Other	201	324	640	938
Metal-working machinery—				
Machine tools	1,735	1,447	4,795	4,539
Other	1,490	1,528	4,210	4,055
Motive power machinery—				
Aircraft engines and parts ..	1,025	1,599	3,099	4,003
Power boilers and parts ..	204	280	409	671
Tractors and parts	4,939	3,060	16,912	13,159
Turbines and parts	750	656	2,162	2,040
Other and parts	3,235	2,223	8,852	6,615
Office and accounting machines	2,325	2,843	5,941	8,870
Packaging machinery ..	201	213	487	634
Paper-making machinery ..	96	143	291	473
Paper-working machinery ..	247	269	654	864
Printing machinery	755	1,005	2,087	2,692
Pumps	338	340	844	943
Refrigerating appliances ..	172	319	682	762
Roller and ball bearings ..	1,221	1,010	3,340	2,934
Sewing machines	1,102	755	2,936	2,454
Shavers, electric, and parts ..	232	133	618	365
Stone-cutting, road-making and mining machinery ..	2,183	2,067	6,659	6,513
Textile-working machinery and appliances—				
Knitting machines	376	378	1,036	988
Other	1,511	859	3,866	3,045
Wood working machinery ..	237	152	568	464
Other machines and machinery ..	3,385	3,799	8,961	10,188
Total, Class XII.(c)	29,866	27,699	86,042	84,902
Total, Class XII.	71,446	69,269	213,514	212,377
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
<i>(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures—</i>				
Rubber—				
Crude, waste and masticated (incl. crepe)	1,919	2,319	6,519	6,791
Substitutes	791	791	3,040	2,780
Rubber manufactures—				
Elastics and rubber thread ..	225	250	744	717
Tyres and tubes	389	327	1,455	1,018
Other	274	300	818	811
Total, Class XIII.(a)	3,598	3,987	12,576	12,117
<i>(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures—</i>				
Leather	72	78	271	269
Leather manufactures	99	81	291	392
Total, Class XIII.(b)	171	159	562	661
Total, Class XIII.	3,769	4,146	13,138	12,778

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—*continued*.

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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Manufactures of wood and wicker, including plywood, veneers and corestock ..	541	516	1,633	1,806
Timber—				
Dressed, bent or cut into shape ..	439	182	1,069	845
Undressed (including logs) ..	3,880	2,486	9,684	8,800
Wicker, bamboo and cane ..	34	26	137	92
Total, Class XIV. ..	4,894	3,210	12,523	11,543
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE.				
Abrasives (synthetic) ..	247	326	599	899
Cement ..	53	55	164	135
Crockery and other householdware ..	926	899	2,804	3,217
Glass ..	1,148	896	3,028	3,020
Glassware ..	476	506	1,520	1,699
Porcelain for electrical purposes ..	109	141	283	403
Tiles ..	256	279	694	795
Other earthenware, china, etc. ..	156	96	596	575
Total, Class XV. ..	3,371	3,198	9,688	10,743
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper and Board—</i>				
Millboard and other boards ..	340	230	1,034	976
Paper—				
Printings—				
Newsprint ..	2,944	3,257	9,918	10,528
Other ..	920	949	2,615	2,451
Tissue and tissue cap (including cigarette) ..	606	570	1,594	1,695
Wrapping and bag papers ..	930	915	2,374	2,457
Writing and typewriting ..	328	197	874	782
Other ..	485	596	1,342	1,714
Pulp for manufacturing paper ..	1,307	1,760	4,472	5,057
Total, Class XVI.(a) ..	7,860	8,474	24,223	25,660
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery—</i>				
Books (printed), directories, etc. ..	2,033	2,108	6,679	7,544
Pens and pencils—				
Fountain pens and propelling pencils ..	302	161	779	634
Other ..	81	66	249	240
Other paper manufactures, stationery, etc. ..	676	617	2,158	2,123
Total, Class XVI.(b) ..	3,092	2,952	9,865	10,541
Total, Class XVI. ..	10,952	11,426	34,088	36,201

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—*continued*.

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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIALS, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIME-PIECES.				
Fancy goods and smokers' requisites ..	170	158	743	913
Jewellery—				
Precious stones, unset	247	190	772	714
Other, including imitation jewellery ..	219	224	803	769
Sporting material	150	105	493	458
Timepieces—				
Clocks and clock movements	278	263	879	995
Watches and watch movements	262	220	1,083	1,117
Toys	232	233	1,645	1,882
Total, Class XVII.	1,558	1,393	6,418	6,848
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Cameras and magic lanterns and accessories therefor	407	309	1,378	1,356
Cinematographs	81	49	396	262
Films for cinematographs	647	534	1,558	1,476
Photographic goods, n.e.i.	248	160	659	586
Scientific instruments, appliances and materials—				
Optical and ophthalmic	208	251	824	809
Surgical and dental	781	665	2,039	1,966
Thermostats	103	139	316	397
Other scientific instruments and appliances	675	773	1,808	2,196
Total, Class XVIII.	3,150	2,880	8,978	9,048
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids and anhydrides	302	257	902	874
Additives for petroleum oils	335	403	1,116	1,061
Alcohols and spirits	333	348	1,177	1,145
Calcium carbide	96	142	294	407
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Antibiotics	330	667	951	1,599
Vitamin and vitamin preparations ..	152	137	487	444
Other	2,236	1,834	6,614	5,635
Essential oils	183	128	473	453
Fertilizers—				
Potash salts	208	206	465	452
Rock phosphates	976	767	2,309	2,658
Other	420	60	842	855
Gases, refrigerant	119	92	259	331
Perfumery and toilet preparations ..	150	144	472	526
Soap and soap substitutes	151	113	452	411
Sodium carbonates	18	11	32	22
Sodium cyanide	61	47	208	259
Styrene (monomer)	291	180	600	746
Tetraethyl lead	185	218	675	652
Chemical compounds, n.e.i.	2,693	2,809	8,392	8,779
Chemical materials and products, n.e.i. ..	523	463	1,197	1,805
Total, Class XIX.	9,762	9,026	27,917	29,114

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Antiques, paintings, works of art ..	34	56	131	191
Arms, ammunition and explosives ..	387	446	1,473	1,151
Bags, baskets, purses, wallets, etc. ..	113	111	486	555
Brushware	76	76	223	247
Cellulose acetate, preformed shapes ..	224	170	567	406
Imports made subject to the condition that they be re-exported.. ..	603	750	1,926	2,118
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	724	1,054	2,455	2,880
Musical instruments and parts—				
Gramophones, etc., including records ..	309	223	939	788
Other	181	199	535	656
Outside packages	3,545	3,276	10,643	10,439
Packings for engines, boilers, etc. ..	401	294	1,109	950
Passengers' effects	1,072	1,060	3,408	3,253
Prefabricated buildings	9	11	115	32
Specialized equipment for large-scale projects	1,019	360	3,878	1,248
Structural steelwork for use with industrial equipment	74	1	356	44
Synthetic resins	2,082	1,680	5,540	5,354
Synthetic sausage casings	69	57	212	200
Vessels (ships)	577	1,861	2,107	4,661
Wall and ceiling boards, parts and decorations	130	30	504	145
All other articles	1,537	1,553	4,672	4,573
Total, Class XX.	13,166	13,268	41,279	39,891
TOTAL MERCHANDISE	198,852	191,863	592,313	589,075
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER ; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Bronze Specie .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Gold, including gold in matte	647	411	2,082	1,717
Silver, including silver in matte	10	3	37	22
Total, Class XXI.	657	414	2,119	1,739
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	90,743	88,353	266,754	261,265
Victoria	68,726	67,281	208,900	213,172
Queensland	13,092	11,276	37,599	36,350
South Australia	12,156	10,957	37,125	33,765
Western Australia	11,569	10,421	33,727	35,431
Tasmania	2,915	3,650	9,424	9,934
Northern Territory	295	323	867	850
Australian Capital Territory	13	16	36	47
GRAND TOTAL	199,509	192,277	594,432	590,814

VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

TOTAL EXPORTS.

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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	3,906	5,219	13,707	13,638
Cheese	502	936	1,638	1,714
Eggs	472	392	3,384	1,526
Fish, fresh or preserved by cold process ..	1,079	1,479	1,642	2,209
Ghee	104	98	318	299
Honey	286	114	753	406
Infants' and invalids' foods	643	552	2,001	1,541
Meats—				
Bacon and hams, except tinned	32	22	130	84
Meat extracts	167	270	767	853
Preserved by cold process—				
Beef and veal	2,463	14,427	15,312	39,216
Lamb	1,507	2,299	5,728	7,842
Mutton	856	2,187	1,578	4,474
Offals	584	1,216	2,122	3,755
Pork	98	65	244	241
Poultry	28	23	113	93
Rabbit and hare	848	645	2,225	2,360
Preserved in airtight containers	3,256	3,935	11,658	12,203
Sausage casings, natural	810	571	1,933	1,781
Other	83	111	389	516
Milk and cream—				
Preserved, condensed, concentrated	1,857	1,584	4,063	4,264
Dried, including malted	1,074	1,733	3,231	4,178
Other foodstuffs of animal origin	246	795	605	1,696
Total, Class I.	20,901	38,661	73,541	104,889
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Biscuits, cakes and puddings	73	73	244	240
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate	64	80	237	203
Foods for animals	82	339	336	716
Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes	78	112	284	387
Fruit—				
Dried—				
Currants	42	6	423	558
Raisins	600	32	4,355	6,366
Other	36	108	74	244
Fresh and frozen—				
Apples	860	583	1,086	926
Citrus	9	17	805	567
Other	1,007	627	1,015	690
Preserved in airtight containers	1,404	2,621	5,375	7,325
Pulped	102	61	132	111

Value of Commodities, etc.—Exports—*continued*.
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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES				
<i>—continued.</i>				
Grain and pulse—				
Prepared—				
Breakfast foods	73	73	170	131
Flour (wheaten)—				
Plain white	3,095	3,573	12,165	9,492
Other	205	202	524	500
Rice, (cleaned)	324	472	1,045	1,686
Other	560	621	1,598	1,682
Unprepared—				
Barley	1,410	7,521	6,806	11,403
Millet	61	74	262	299
Oats	568	2,618	798	3,604
Peas (not split)	133	253	198	387
Rice	202	123	502	455
Sorghum .. ..	..	9	..	878
Wheat	4,962	11,500	23,424	27,747
Other	5	77	39	87
Jams and fruit jellies	236	89	450	424
Soups	74	115	243	259
Sugar—from cane	5,411	6,009	32,688	27,003
Tea	80	93	246	264
Vegetables—				
Preserved in liquid or pulped	78	41	211	112
Other	126	118	401	284
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin	96	103	341	393
Total, Class II.	22,056	38,343	96,477	105,423
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, cider, etc.	158	126	453	433
Spirits (beverages)	65	56	226	242
Wine	159	233	650	839
Total, Class III.	382	415	1,329	1,514
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes, cigars and snuff	82	33	236	168
Tobacco	92	40	253	211
Total, Class IV.	174	73	489	379
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	225	126	679	377
Horses	76	60	214	177
Sheep	122	100	329	286
Other live animals	23	32	72	93
Total, Class V.	446	318	1,294	932

Value of Commodities, etc.—Exports—*continued*.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD-STUFFS.				
Hides and skins—				
Calf, cattle and horse	736	1,660	2,697	4,369
Kangaroo and wallaby	80	45	275	182
Rabbit and hare	113	110	780	1,054
Sheep and lamb	5,217	3,463	17,092	10,636
Other (including sheepskin and lamb-skin pieces)	64	52	274	171
Pearl-shell	251	130	935	527
Trochus-shell	97	66	216	152
Wool—				
Greasy	85,340	70,686	267,151	191,958
Scoured and washed, slipe, carbonized, noils, tops and waste	11,190	9,464	37,846	27,378
Other animal substances	84	128	455	372
Total, Class VI.	103,172	85,804	327,721	236,799
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND MAN-MADE FIBRES.				
Seeds	76	59	365	302
Tanning substances	134	50	256	177
Other vegetable substances	68	63	226	244
Total, Class VII.	278	172	847	723
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
(a) <i>Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—</i>				
Waste materials and scrap from textile articles	300	152	791	424
Yarns—				
Wool or chiefly of wool	15	9	63	56
Other, including sewing threads, etc.	41	28	115	160
Other manufactured fibres	19	28	72	121
Total, Class VIII.(a)	375	217	1,041	761
(b) <i>Textiles—</i>				
Piece goods—				
Cotton	28	24	125	98
Wholly or chiefly of rayon or other man-made fibres	22	19	60	65
Wool or chiefly of wool	25	24	108	59
Other	18	37	54	74
Other textiles	55	53	222	200
Total, Class VIII.(b)	148	157	569	496

Value of Commodities, etc.—Exports—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—<i>continued.</i>				
<i>(c) Apparel—</i>				
Footwear	22	60	91	198
Outerwear	31	24	93	85
Shirts, underwear and sleeping attire	11	7	36	30
Other apparel	50	53	196	190
Total, Class VIII.(c)	114	144	416	503
Total, Class VIII.	637	518	2,026	1,760
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and waxes, etc.—				
Edible animal fats, excluding tallow ..	13	64	54	111
Fatty acids	88	49	261	161
Tallow, edible and inedible	919	1,373	3,592	3,120
Other	64	43	158	160
Oils—				
Petroleum and shale, including petroleum jelly—				
Kerosene (incl. aviation turbine fuel)	315	101	423	363
Lubricating	65	241	235	452
Residual, diesel fuel and furnace oil	3,232	3,084	7,738	6,347
Spirit	543	397	1,436	3,182
Other	626	934	1,395	2,239
Whale oil	57	53	1,663	1,134
Other	29	19	139	126
Total, Class IX.	5,951	6,358	17,094	17,395
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Lead oxides	35	24	130	139
Paints and enamels prepared for use ..	97	99	310	317
Other pigments, paints and varnishes ..	67	44	218	248
Total, Class X.	199	167	658	704
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.				
Asbestos, crude and fibre	313	105	1,110	281
Asphalt, tar and pitch	36	55	199	255
Coal	1,097	458	2,540	1,882
Coke	76	7	631	84
Ores and concentrates, including residues and wastes—				
Copper	371	812	1,119	1,303
Lead and silver-lead	1,026	700	4,783	3,405
Titanium and zirconium	1,541	1,147	6,002	3,873
Tungsten	545	40	1,625	170
Zinc	839	329	3,712	2,051
Other	85	102	889	554
Other rocks and minerals	105	125	274	306
Total, Class XI.	6,034	3,880	22,884	14,164

Value of Commodities, etc.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—</i>				
Metals and semi-manufactures—				
Copper	869	3,016	3,416	5,654
Copper-base alloys	12	313	161	638
Iron and steel—				
Bar and rod	235	329	636	1,042
Pipes, tubes and fittings therefor	458	1,002	2,220	4,098
Plate and sheet	1,945	2,696	9,016	8,738
Scrap	422	845	2,217	2,253
Other	938	608	2,589	2,508
Lead—				
Bullion and silver-lead bullion	1,469	1,620	4,312	4,985
Pig	3,974	3,142	12,285	9,354
Other	112	68	439	191
Zinc	802	601	2,157	2,430
Other metals and semi-manufactures	166	110	458	337
Metal manufactures—				
Builders' and engineering hardware	72	91	385	298
Tools of trade	80	98	326	257
Vehicles and parts—				
Complete motor vehicles ..	429	497	1,293	1,443
Other vehicles and parts ..	1,092	1,185	5,732	5,578
Window louvres	128	165	548	499
Other metal manufactures ..	1,135	848	3,117	2,845
Total, Class XII.(a)	14,338	17,234	51,307	53,148
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances and Equipment—</i>				
Batteries and accumulators ..	77	86	277	331
Cable and wire, covered	49	38	175	448
Communication equipment ..	249	303	782	955
Other electrical appliances ..	253	225	785	941
Total, Class XII.(b)	628	652	2,019	2,675
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—</i>				
Aircraft engines and parts ..	65	86	218	355
Agricultural, horticultural, etc., machinery	258	191	1,214	892
Mining and metallurgical machinery and appliances	133	234	663	527
Motive power machinery	357	222	1,200	953
Personal and massage appliances ..	50	13	239	99
Pumps, machinery	64	60	319	224
Refrigerating appliances	88	86	251	300
Other machines and machinery ..	1,255	672	4,942	3,139
Total, Class XII.(c)	2,270	1,564	9,046	6,489
Total, Class XII.	17,236	19,450	62,372	62,312

Value of Commodities, etc.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures</i> ..	208	198	687	630
(b) <i>Leather and Leather Manufactures—</i> <i>Leather—</i>				
<i>Hide leathers—</i>				
Sole	153	147	507	413
Other	503	606	1,784	1,854
Sheep and lamb	9	21	53	60
Other	44	61	186	253
Leather manufactures	33	16	99	114
Total, Class XIII.(b)	742	851	2,629	2,694
Total, Class XIII.	950	1,049	3,316	3,324
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Sleepers, railway	442	446	1,599	1,792
Timber	332	282	1,318	1,109
Wood and wicker manufactures	127	140	424	401
Total, Class XIV.	901	868	3,341	3,302
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE ..	210	254	832	736
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper and Board</i>	126	114	403	596
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery—</i> Books (printed), periodicals, news- papers, etc.	382	293	1,150	905
Other	191	149	693	461
Total, Class XVI.(b)	573	442	1,843	1,366
Total, Class XVI.	699	556	2,246	1,962
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIME-PIECES.				
Precious stones, unset—pearls, etc. ..	110	155	343	417
Sporting goods	34	29	157	125
Other	15	32	80	102
Total, Class XVII.	159	216	580	644
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Films for cinematographs	12	49	131	178
Photographic goods and materials ..	127	144	536	558
Other optical, surgical and scientific instruments and materials	190	189	561	575
Total, Class XVIII.	329	382	1,228	1,311

Value of Commodities, etc.—Exports—continued.
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Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	537	374	1,122	1,198
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Acetylsalicylic acid	81	65	258	158
Other	370	422	1,071	1,393
Eucalyptus oil	26	11	112	58
Perfumery and toilet preparations	55	45	161	161
Soap	96	125	301	410
Other chemicals, elements and compounds	423	483	1,232	1,601
Miscellaneous chemical preparations (including fertilizers)	148	122	567	539
Total, Class XIX.	1,736	1,647	4,824	5,518
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms and ammunition	19	14	126	76
Exports by the Commonwealth Government for Australian Government projects being carried on outside Australia and for Australian representatives abroad	555	505	1,731	1,486
Other goods exported with the intention that they be re-imported and temporary imports when subsequently exported. Goods exported by Australian Companies for installation in or servicing their own aircraft abroad	1,334	1,138	4,414	3,390
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	421	482	1,095	3,000
Synthetic resins	113	119	444	458
Miscellaneous exports when valued at less than £50 in any one consignment	1,223	1,027	3,965	3,339
Vessels (ships) transferred abroad	63	21	297	165
All other articles	1,439	1,115	4,268	3,859
Total, Class XX.	5,167	4,421	16,340	15,773
TOTAL, MERCHANDISE	187,617	203,552	639,439	579,564
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER: BRONZE SPECIE.				
Bronze Specie .. .. .	..	..	1	..
Gold, including gold in matte	25	1,216	6,332	3,263
Silver, including silver in matte	534	322	801	1,290
Total, Class XXI.	559	1,538	7,134	4,553
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	55,690	55,045	186,370	161,905
Victoria	53,806	56,815	167,166	155,705
Queensland	29,824	40,961	129,520	124,894
South Australia	22,377	23,623	79,172	65,186
Western Australia	20,685	24,804	72,298	66,615
Tasmania	5,583	3,637	11,449	9,555
Northern Territory	211	205	598	257
Australian Produce	184,919	201,403	635,791	571,378
Re-exports	3,257	3,687	10,782	12,739
GRAND TOTAL	188,176	205,090	646,573	584,117

TOTAL QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
		1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.					
Butter	'000 lb.	31,264	49,772	97,311	140,054
Cheese	"	6,651	14,700	18,890	25,819
Processed milk—					
Condensed	"	25,676	22,818	55,174	61,395
Dried, including malted	"	13,616	26,826	40,838	61,735
Infants' and invalids' foods	"	4,070	3,296	12,170	9,358
Eggs—					
In shell	'000 doz.	887	1,191	11,193	5,174
Not in shell	'000 lb.	2,620	2,050	15,381	6,837
Meats, poultry and game—					
Bacon and hams	"	130	152	496	396
Preserved by cold process—					
Beef and veal	"	27,711	118,194	209,690	386,591
Lamb	"	16,352	26,036	60,139	87,458
Mutton	"	17,830	25,743	31,476	56,914
Offals	"	5,713	10,604	23,345	35,830
Pork	"	667	416	1,570	1,675
Poultry	"	126	151	525	448
Rabbits and hares—					
Furred (carcasses)	'000 prs.	20	14	93	76
Skinned (carcasses and pieces)	'000 lb.	7,974	5,382	23,328	22,055
Preserved in airtight containers	"	30,877	33,267	101,681	104,195
Sausage casings, natural	'000 bundles	928	962	2,041	2,296
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.					
Fruit—					
Dried—					
Currants	'000 lb.	586	73	7,357	9,156
Raisins	"	8,277	529	66,703	90,109
Tree fruits	"	277	641	489	1,717
Fresh—					
Apples	'000 bus.	546	425	669	667
Citrus	"	6	9	526	355
Other	"	471	377	476	393
Preserved in airtight containers	'000 lb.	18,921	40,539	69,965	107,208
Pulped	"	921	655	1,296	1,266
Grain or cereals—					
Prepared—					
Barley—pearl and scotch	"	53	48	145	270
Flour (wheaten), plain white	"	188,712	319,100	784,424	702,340
Oatmeal and rolled oats	"	780	4,599	2,598	6,056
Rice	cwt.	159,984	212,080	382,753	586,065
Unprepared—					
Barley	ton	57,328	292,559	322,526	443,337
Oats	"	18,986	126,878	31,570	166,368
Wheat	"	182,331	451,011	879,889	1,040,471
Jams and fruit jellies	'000 lb.	3,575	1,374	6,646	6,140
Sugar—from cane	ton	117,091	154,150	649,731	665,871
Vegetables—preserved or pulped	'000 lb.	599	403	1,712	1,082

Total Quantities of Principal Commodities Exported from Australia—*continued*.

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
		1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.					
Wine	'000 gal.	216	338	966	1,281
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and skins—					
Calf, cattle and horse	'000 lb.	10,809	22,389	43,291	62,869
Kangaroo and wallaby	"	246	206	815	684
Rabbit and hare	"	551	616	2,860	3,756
Sheep and lamb	"	38,422	(a) 36,310	96,296	100,015
Wool—					
Greasy	"	296,070	328,818	854,650	875,937
Scoured and washed, slupe, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	"	29,489	34,501	88,231	93,825
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.					
Tallow, edible and inedible ..	ton	10,380	22,090	41,769	43,194
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.					
Coal	ton	271,161	111,062	631,000	458,176
Ores and concentrates—					
Lead and silver-lead	"	17,614	11,945	76,920	58,129
Zinc	"	57,752	27,635	247,081	194,868
CLASS XII.—METALS.					
Lead—					
Pig	ton	45,494	36,248	123,375	105,536
Bullion	"	13,509	15,513	36,021	47,545
Zinc, bars, blocks, etc.	"	8,182	6,893	22,271	28,408

(a) Excludes weight of "pickled skins" from 1st July, 1958.

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.				Fruits.		
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef and Veal.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.(a)	Pork.(a)	Dried.		Pre- served in air- tight con- tainers.
							Vine.	Tree.	
QUANTITY. (⁰⁰⁰ lb.)									
1938-39 ..	229,543	35,924	1,739	271,964	186,489	30,716	164,213	3,915	81,279
1954-55 ..	140,017	49,543	1,675	276,398	128,793	6,515	153,000	6,437	215,795
1955-56 ..	185,103	38,485	1,003	322,748	116,283	2,472	137,800	3,665	209,123
1956-57 ..	170,833	39,262	748	334,644	76,274	1,437	100,837	2,877	133,991
1957-58 ..	113,779	20,674	577	282,005	106,622	2,149	133,717	1,353	165,161
Nine months ended—									
March, 1958 ..	97,811	18,890	496	209,690	91,615	1,570	74,060	481	69,965
March, 1959 ..	140,054	25,819	396	386,510	144,372	1,675	99,265	1,717	107,208

VALUE. (£A ⁰⁰⁰ f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)									
1938-39 ..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882	2,747	118	1,267
1954-55 ..	24,580	5,057	355	21,899	11,817	781	7,637	799	15,245
1955-56 ..	28,966	3,537	229	23,431	9,752	364	7,375	427	15,469
1956-57 ..	25,824	3,860	196	23,271	6,095	271	6,209	377	10,078
1957-58 ..	15,639	1,855	150	21,571	8,384	318	8,957	185	12,357
Nine months ended—									
March, 1958 ..	13,707	1,638	130	15,311	7,306	244	4,778	74	5,375
March, 1959 ..	13,638	1,723	84	39,207	12,317	241	6,924	243	7,325

(a) Preserved by cold process.

Period.	Wheat.	Flour (Wheaten) Plain White.	Barley (Unpre- pared).	Sugar— from Cane.	Wool.		Sheep and Lamb- skins.	Lead (Pig).
					Greasy.	Scoured. (a)		
QUANTITY.								
1938-39 ..	tons. 1,690,956	'000 lb. 1,450,130	tons. 58,441	tons. 443,014	'000 lb. 793,384	'000 lb. 70,881	'000 lb. 84,359	tons. 204,495
1954-55 ..	1,691,063	1,311,238	421,174	737,149	959,033	101,553	100,229	140,256
1955-56 ..	1,902,896	1,333,587	470,210	592,229	1,063,475	114,550	105,566	145,987
1956-57 ..	2,440,355	1,499,424	591,548	675,282	1,206,621	131,880	103,373	167,380
1957-58 ..	1,060,055	919,355	430,017	707,804	1,080,634	116,812	125,325	164,061
Nine months ended—								
March, 1958 ..	879,889	784,424	322,526	649,731	854,650	88,229	96,296	123,375
March, 1959 ..	1,040,466	702,340	443,337	665,871	875,857	93,780	100,015	105,536

VALUE. (£A ⁰⁰⁰ f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)								
1938-39 ..	8,735	4,540	342	4,178	37,305	5,324	2,370	4,267
1954-55 ..	45,222	20,305	10,357	31,146	310,902	42,204	15,935	17,182
1955-56 ..	46,456	19,703	10,471	24,723	293,835	43,673	15,691	19,539
1956-57 ..	60,058	21,669	12,745	28,780	425,727	57,977	19,917	22,915
1957-58 ..	28,493	14,349	9,474	34,996	325,509	47,888	20,451	15,820
Nine months ended—								
March, 1958 ..	23,424	12,165	6,806	32,688	267,151	37,845	17,092	12,235
March, 1959 ..	27,748	9,492	11,403	27,002	191,938	27,366	10,636	9,354

(a) Includes scoured and washed, carbonized, tops, noils, waste and slipe.

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Nine months ended March.							
	1958.		1959.		1958.		1959.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	BUTTER.				CHEESE.			
United Kingdom ..	81,520	11,041	126,051	11,510	12,528	719	21,157	1,073
Australian Territories ..	460	80	466	68	80	12	71	11
Borneo (British) ..	137	29	240	43	7	1	7	1
Ceylon ..	1,765	284	2,063	278	242	35	316	52
Cyprus ..	277	55	158	26	38	6	2	..
Guiana (British) ..	225	41	240	38	10	1	4	1
Hong Kong ..	1,239	197	1,236	165	162	19	324	49
India ..	49	9	23	4	115	18	76	13
Malaya, Fed. of ..	1,412	245	1,541	252	110	15	85	11
Mauritius ..	405	84	541	98	84	13	92	15
Singapore ..	1,942	327	1,695	241	427	52	429	60
West Indies (British) ..	304	61	323	67	145	19	105	16
Other C'wealth Countries	657	120	610	97	315	53	260	42
Arabian States ..	433	89	855	156	1,443	248	1,018	199
Burma ..	162	35	276	50	26	5	8	2
French Dependencies—								
New Caledonia ..	360	65	404	59	78	12	91	15
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	2,909	370	220	19	251	11	1,004	44
Indonesia ..	151	33	..	..	109	20	..	..
Italy ..	112	16	981	122	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	63	11	48	7	..	7	125	14
Lebanon ..	9	1	8	..	206	32	..	..
Netherlands Antilles ..	202	43	166	30	2	..	..	..
Philippines ..	630	119	149	25	1,011	154	834	54
Other Foreign Countries	1,888	352	1,765	283	1,452	186	311	51
New South Wales ..	2,119	310	747	119	196	32	217	32
Victoria ..	65,330	9,721	88,142	8,156	11,794	1,205	13,030	998
Queensland ..	18,023	2,229	38,044	4,079	615	80	3,728	285
South Australia ..	848	94	902	77	5,803	297	8,454	388
Western Australia ..	125	17	92	13	482	24	390	25
Tasmania ..	10,866	1,336	12,127	1,194	..	..	..	..
Total ..	97,311	13,707	140,054	13,638	18,890	1,638	25,819	1,723
	BACON AND HAMS.				BEEF AND VEAL. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
	1958.		1959.		1958.		1959.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	BACON AND HAMS.				BEEF AND VEAL. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	18	3	..	..	162,338	10,871	297,961	26,620
Australian Territories ..	107	32	97	27	1,056	149	1,037	160
Bermuda ..	..	..	..	..	808	139	810	144
Hong Kong ..	28	9	..	..	4,776	363	1,866	183
Malaya, Fed. of ..	83	22	51	13	696	63	1,866	219
Malta ..	..	..	..	..	3,285	269	998	108
Singapore ..	181	27	81	17	5,885	538	6,165	625
West Indies (British) ..	36	9	..	..	1,701	174	4,372	467
Other C'wealth Countries	61	17	63	16	3,182	299	5,600	685
Arabian States—								
Saudi Arabia ..	..	..	6	2	499	105	584	153
Other ..	8	2	..	..	521	101	626	135
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	..	..	..	..	5,312	382	1,335	125
Italy ..	..	..	..	..	1,058	86	309	25
Japan ..	..	..	..	..	6,152	475	2,350	210
Philippines ..	..	..	..	..	3,587	318	2,849	307
United States of America	..	..	..	..	5,481	622	51,838	8,256
Other Foreign Countries	24	9	98	9	3,353	357	5,935	785
New South Wales ..	50	16	27	8	24,559	2,132	71,033	8,279
Victoria ..	17	4	84	5	10,239	1,018	36,770	4,691
Queensland ..	255	74	192	50	152,432	10,685	251,750	24,000
South Australia ..	7	2	5	1	1,362	97	6,087	396
Western Australia ..	167	34	88	19	20,697	1,354	20,163	1,776
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	1	400	25	206	65
N. Territory ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Total ..	496	130	396	84	209,690	15,311	386,510	39,207

NOTE.—Values in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries--continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Nine months ended March.							
	1958.		1959.		1958.		1959.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	MUTTON AND LAMB. (Preserved by Cold Process.)				PORK. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	72,634	5,835	100,217	8,181	436	61	536	59
Australian Territories ..	428	52	443	46	205	38	206	33
Canada ..	3,865	360	8,401	763	62	13	83	17
Ceylon ..	349	28	240	19	35	6	8	2
Hong Kong ..	620	57	473	32	106	15	94	13
Malaya, Fed. of ..	994	57	1,508	77	15	2	31	5
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ..	851	71	985	79	..	..	..	..
Singapore ..	2,468	191	2,082	136	383	54	380	56
South Africa, Union of ..	310	30	144	11	..	..	..	..
Other C'wealth Countries	1,678	130	1,734	124	74	12	91	15
Arabian States ..	348	49	637	71	78	15	47	8
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	1,003	56	703	32	..	..	..	..
United States of America	4,860	314	25,210	2,643	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	1,207	76	1,595	103	176	28	199	33
New South Wales ..	6,365	420	21,488	1,736	76	16	53	11
Victoria ..	51,808	3,991	73,257	6,328	291	49	240	39
Queensland ..	350	17	1,368	110	375	59	471	80
South Australia ..	20,899	1,815	25,096	2,351	..	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	9,936	853	18,611	1,362	691	97	..	..
Tasmania ..	2,257	210	4,552	430	137	23	911	111
Total ..	91,615	7,306	144,372	12,317	1,570	244	1,675	241
	DRIED VINE FRUITS—CURRANTS.				DRIED VINE FRUITS—RAISINS (including Sultanas and Lexias).			
United Kingdom ..	1,932	111	2,018	112	36,711	2,572	32,203	2,566
Canada ..	3,552	197	3,459	217	20,622	1,180	28,924	1,809
Ceylon ..	132	8	261	16	731	44	1,088	67
New Zealand ..	1,037	64	1,717	105	7,165	465	10,464	733
Singapore ..	38	3	59	4	57	5	154	10
Other C'wealth Countries	609	36	722	45	1,108	67	2,090	139
Netherlands ..	..	..	56	3	..	..	1,366	95
Other Foreign Countries	57	4	864	56	309	22	13,820	947
New South Wales ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..
Victoria ..	2,670	152	2,067	127	58,902	3,864	80,558	5,673
Queensland ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
South Australia ..	3,793	206	4,865	295	7,798	491	9,550	693
Western Australia ..	793	50	2,224	136	..	..	..	..
Tasmania ..	101	15	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	7,357	423	9,156	558	66,703	4,355	90,109	6,366

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Nine months ended March.							
	1958.		1959.		1958.		1959.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	DRIED TREE FRUITS.				FRUITS PRESERVED IN AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS.			
United Kingdom ..	200	21	877	109	60,614	4,628	92,629	6,350
Canada ..	2	..	205	43	1,980	154	8,278	525
New Zealand ..	184	40	358	58	4,788	383	1,846	128
Singapore ..	12	1	2	..	478	32	427	30
Other C'wealth Countries	69	9	128	14	1,468	124	1,355	102
Egypt ..	..	..	2	1	..	..	48	2
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	7	2	86	11	1	..	420	25
Other Foreign Countries	7	1	59	7	636	54	2,205	163
Total ..	481	74	1,717	243	69,965	5,375	107,208	7,325
	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.	'000lb.	£A'000.	'000lb.	£A'000.
	WHEAT.				FLOUR (WHEATEN)—PLAIN-WHITE.			
United Kingdom ..	202,337	5,290	441,549	11,721	69,013	1,010	112,588	943
Aden ..	1,246	37	5,215	155	29,000	436	52,078	746
Australian Territories ..	63	2	105	3	9,120	149	12,001	162
Borneo (British) ..	..	..	15	1	14,310	239	13,070	207
Ceylon ..	202	6	174	5	95,201	1,348	82,419	1,227
East Africa (British) ..	264	8	9,696	269	11,750	181	8,569	129
Hong Kong ..	35,056	889	37,812	995	7,687	118	6,648	102
India ..	11,637	311	19,063	508	929	14	164	3
Ireland, Republic of	13,007	346	71,536	1,873	..	..	..	..
Malaya, Fed. of	14,950	393	18,275	436	119,496	1,966	152,124	2,031
Malta ..	8,885	238	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mauritius ..	4	..	5	..	22,501	343	25,012	450
New Zealand ..	202,663	5,389	170,928	4,559	383	7	312	1
Pacific Islands—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fiji ..	26	1	154	5	16,175	272	18,742	219
Other ..	4	..	17	1	8,371	140	8,218	114
Pakistan ..	126,428	3,438	19,290	512	433	6	193	3
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	58,124	1,606	37,189	1,076	4,313	70	4,290	63
Singapore ..	3,000	84	2,736	84	63,713	1,046	64,200	994
Other C'wealth Countries	33	1	27	1	10,251	157	5,257	90
Arabian States ..	3,613	106	6,253	183	38,314	521	54,880	748
Burma ..	2,761	78	2,528	71	20,322	322	13,410	206
France ..	..	..	..	..	16,956	274	1,846	28
French Dependencies ..	317	10	294	12	..	..	..	..
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	..	..	34,072	883	125,393	1,974	24,904	396
Indonesia ..	220	6	..	..	922	13	364	5
Iran ..	11,309	318	3,102	89	..	..	727	10
Iraq ..	2,426	69	9,855	286	462	7	..	..
Italy ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80	1
Japan ..	169,472	4,484	115,958	3,115	36,784	581	8,237	125
Philippines ..	..	..	2,000	55	..	..	..	..
Portuguese Possessions—	..	..	..	..	1,822	27	2,815	45
India ..	2,900	85	2,475	73	1,080	16	236	4
Mozambique ..	8,833	225	1,001	23	22,516	330	..	..
Sudan ..	..	..	..	..	28,897	472	21,870	351
Thailand ..	109	4	100	3	8,310	126	5,485	67
Other Foreign Countries	..	..	8,498	233	..	..	1,551	22
For Orders ..	..	..	20,544	519	..	..	..	..
Total ..	879,889	23,424	1,040,466	27,748	784,424	12,165	702,340	9,492
New South Wales ..	445	16	74,977	1,939	153,493	2,419	113,939	1,657
Victoria ..	140,169	3,653	174,424	4,589	354,376	5,516	254,650	3,784
Queensland ..	3	..	23,612	661	5,469	85	54,373	140
South Australia ..	328,425	8,796	292,127	7,796	95,237	1,460	106,080	1,378
Western Australia ..	410,847	10,959	475,326	12,763	175,849	2,685	172,798	2,533

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Nine months ended March.							
	1958.		1959.		1958.		1959.	
	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.
	BARLEY—UNPREPARED.				SUGAR—FROM CANE.			
United Kingdom ..	49,861	966	61,269	1,497	353,761	17,654	293,788	13,535
Australian Territories—								
New Guinea ..	..	..	..	..	1,424	105	2,238	110
Canada ..	..	..	..	..	115,220	6,056	122,407	4,642
Ceylon ..	7	..	16	1	17,048	617	..	..
Hong Kong ..	256	6	79	3	19,271	968	39,504	1,483
Malaya, Fed. of ..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
New Zealand ..	2	1	..	..	29,763	1,429	61,531	2,255
Singapore ..	280	6	7	..	..	..	..	..
Other C'wealth Countries	65	2	5,094	135	2,450	193	2,988	144
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	35,686	720	43,296	1,220	..	..	..	..
Denmark ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
French Dependencies—								
New Caledonia ..	5	..	12	..	415	38	8	..
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	52,289	1,174	24,303	681	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	5,568	134	3,395	91	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	128,775	2,692	198,131	4,797	110,322	5,624	138,272	4,825
Netherlands ..	48,258	1,068	16,948	470	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	1,470	37	90,784	2,508	57	4	135	8
For Orders ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New South Wales ..	7	1	1,996	50	3,098	243	3,875	188
Victoria ..	12,255	248	43,012	1,119	290	23	335	20
Queensland ..	..	..	90,445	2,316	646,293	32,418	661,550	26,792
South Australia ..	306,298	6,475	268,175	6,953	..	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	3,966	82	39,709	965	50	4	111	2
Tasmania
Total ..	322,526	6,806	443,337	11,403	649,731	32,688	665,871	27,002

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Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Nine months ended March.							
	1958.		1959.		1958.		1959.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WOOL—GREASY.				WOOL—SCOURED AND WASHED, SLIPE, CARBONIZED, TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.			
United Kingdom ..	199,275	60,051	234,182	49,742	16,625	6,049	20,219	4,834
Canada ..	351	100	722	119	2,455	951	3,468	886
Hong Kong ..	1,043	330	2,467	600	82	56	1,188	444
India ..	149	47	308	80	3,462	1,847	4,330	1,788
Ireland, Republic of ..	2,672	904	2,064	512	38	12	42	9
New Zealand ..	176	43	21	6	619	364	669	336
Pakistan ..	..	..	..	..	184	101	414	188
South Africa, Union of ..	2,211	681	1,758	393	208	97	82	22
Other C'wealth Countries	50	19	32	6	39	18	161	57
Austria ..	3,201	1,091	4,094	1,004	51	26	191	72
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	75,249	16,655	73,913	10,970	2,617	917	1,455	350
China (Mainland) ..	743	301	5,101	1,356	11,539	7,133	6,891	3,275
Columbia ..	35	13	58	17	591	342	370	129
Czechoslovakia ..	14,156	4,938	15,320	3,876	1,819	726	22	8
Denmark ..	25	8	33	8	1,417	581	528	127
Formosa ..	421	149	..	..	538	314	934	449
France ..	150,616	43,854	117,442	24,018	5,201	2,034	3,069	743
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	54,949	16,960	40,319	8,388	9,585	3,836	6,868	1,697
Greece ..	101	27	112	30	919	417	868	233
Iran ..	97	33	332	97	352	189	815	272
Italy ..	107,425	32,873	83,149	18,303	6,668	2,364	7,157	1,556
Japan ..	143,148	55,236	196,928	47,744	1,917	805	9,251	2,273
Korea, Republic of ..	25	15	102	38	990	722	3,621	1,795
Lebanon ..	532	184	613	155	..	..	..	..
Mexico ..	5,405	2,073	10,364	2,964	299	138	729	206
Netherlands ..	1,092	346	849	160	1,612	436	1,430	322
Norway ..	12	3	20	5	62	27	138	38
Poland ..	29,829	11,261	31,305	8,506	15	7	40	10
Portugal ..	3,248	1,144	2,574	588	587	235	902	204
Romania ..	2,020	697	1,178	283	69	29	..	..
Spain ..	5,840	2,069	9	2	..	..	..	..
Sweden ..	1,490	447	199	48	804	298	807	230
Switzerland ..	3,926	1,220	2,322	506	669	299	367	117
Turkey ..	..	..	4,355	1,119	..	..	531	175
United States of America	19,646	6,549	23,240	5,000	13,956	5,081	13,450	3,505
Yugoslavia ..	5,625	2,030	6,598	1,803	191	74	121	30
Other Foreign Countries	5,739	1,952	2,101	483	344	193	1,182	474
For Orders ..	9,128	2,848	11,643	2,504	2,655	1,077	2,020	512
Total ..	854,650	267,151	875,857	191,938	88,229	37,845	93,780	27,366
New South Wales ..	296,439	92,454	299,467	65,585	22,157	8,312	9,808	4,521
Victoria ..	220,306	69,749	244,041	55,168	22,565	8,538	24,682	5,948
Queensland ..	148,201	49,515	134,168	30,792	9,678	3,980	8,363	2,332
South Australia ..	93,968	26,083	99,270	19,781	5,176	2,164	4,883	1,215
Western Australia ..	83,103	25,393	91,594	18,974	14,670	6,413	15,255	4,260
Tasmania ..	12,633	3,957	7,317	1,637	5	1	20	3
Total ..	854,650	267,151	875,857	191,938	(a)74,251	(a)29,408	(a)63,011	(a)18,279

(a) Excludes exports of wool tops and noils. State details are not available for publication.

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Nine months ended March.							
	1958.		1959.		1958.		1959.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.
	SHEEP AND LAMB SKINS.(a)				LEAD (Pig).			
United Kingdom ..	8,425	1,323	9,910	1,014	45,898	4,570	48,803	4,133
India ..	..	..	6	..	4,381	458	2,718	233
New Zealand ..	..	..	..	..	3,135	344	3,734	335
South Africa, Union of ..	39	10	2	1	565	50	1,390	118
Other C'wealth Countries	88	9	6	1	20	2	254	22
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	1,868	395	745	82	804	77	976	86
France ..	77,279	13,660	74,644	7,643	250	22	875	74
Italy ..	3,239	791	4,721	583	1,300	124	..	..
Japan ..	..	..	13	2	6,188	705	958	82
Netherlands ..	936	134	2,517	207	84	8	1,869	165
United States of America	1,090	105	107 (b)	271	50,452	4,834	40,869	3,833
Other Foreign Countries	3,332	665	7,344	832	10,298	1,091	3,090	273
New South Wales ..	25,083	4,553	27,404	2,984	486	55	359	36
Victoria ..	38, 28	6,659	39,199	4,239	365	38	535	45
Queensland ..	4,246	732	5,024	498	69	7	11	2
South Australia ..	17,117	3,033	16,581	1,630	122,455	12,185	103,091	9,228
Western Australia ..	7,591	1,435	8,347	892	..	..	1,512	40
Tasmania ..	3,431	680	3,460	393	..	..	27	3
Total ..	96,296	17,092	100,015	10,636	123,375	12,285	105,536	9,354

(a) Excludes quantities of pickled skins from 1st July, 1953.
the value of pickled skins for which no weight was recorded.

(b) Includes £261,000 representing

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

SECTION V.—TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of shipping for the years 1947–48 to 1956–57 appear in *Transport and Communication*, Bulletin No. 48, pages 47–57.

OVERSEA SHIPPING—ENTRANCES AND CLEARANCES, AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Entrances.				Clearances.			
	With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.		With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.	
	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.
1952–53 ..	1,546	7,312	1,988	8,704	1,582	6,504	2,053	8,867
1953–54 ..	1,647	7,736	2,054	8,882	1,507	6,179	2,074	8,851
1954–55 ..	1,943	9,162	2,245	9,939	1,491	6,157	2,260	10,064
1955–56 ..	2,054	10,095	2,425	11,228	1,697	6,886	2,457	11,096
1956–57 ..	2,068	10,112	2,628	11,815	1,989	7,870	2,662	11,845
1957–58 ..	2,211	10,970	2,656	12,384	1,906	7,873	2,598	12,131
Nine months ended—								
March, 1958 ..	1,640	8,098	1,973	9,190	1,411	5,842	1,915	8,944
March, 1959 ..	1,663	8,377	2,007	9,535	1,532	6,353	2,048	9,660

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED. (‘000.)

NOTE.—Part of the cargo is recorded in tons weight and part in tons measurement. As the total cannot be stated accurately as either tons weight or tons measurement, each is recorded and published separately. “1 ton measurement” equals 40 cubic feet.

State or Territory, and Year.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1958.								
New South Wales ..	4,090	199	3,326	932	2,916	207	1,366	293
Victoria ..	1,849	236	3,624	757	1,028	279	810	360
Queensland ..	881	113	320	154	555	50	1,014	84
South Australia ..	1,732	106	376	211	3,246	84	1,207	83
Western Australia ..	277	126	2,197	94	1,287	66	1,238	119
Tasmania ..	532	186	208	21	370	220	75	26
Northern Territory ..	43	7	42	..	1	..	9	..
Australia ..	9,404	973	10,093	2,169	9,403	906	5,719	965
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1959.								
New South Wales ..	3,950	185	3,684	807	2,959	172	1,368	274
Victoria ..	1,937	256	3,718	749	845	284	1,187	363
Queensland ..	846	125	323	147	490	33	1,319	86
South Australia ..	1,537	89	324	187	3,165	50	1,088	95
Western Australia ..	229	131	2,226	103	1,251	40	1,373	126
Tasmania ..	576	143	178	23	480	176	81	43
Northern Territory ..	45	..	43	..	3	..	6	..
Australia ..	9,120	929	10,496	2,016	9,193	760	6,422	987
Total 1957–58 ..	12,621	1,336	13,719	2,914	12,614	1,157	7,365	1,489
“ 1956–57 ..	11,862	1,284	12,596	2,752	11,899	1,290	8,734	1,379
“ 1955–56 ..	11,184	1,572	12,431	3,421	11,632	1,315	6,667	1,546
“ 1954–55 ..	10,136	1,621	10,992	3,403	10,213	1,472	6,083	1,420
“ 1953–54 ..	9,059	1,790	8,520	2,812	9,105	1,539	5,765	1,355
“ 1952–53 ..	8,995	1,492	7,733	1,929	8,447	1,275	6,045	1,452

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st MARCH, 1959.

(These rates are expressed in sterling.)

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator)—									
United Kingdom .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	10s. 2½d.	per box (56 lb.).		
Continent .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	10s. 9d.	" "		
Cheese (Refrigerator) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2½d.	per lb.		
Eggs (in shell) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	308s.	per ton measurement.		
Meats—									
Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—									
Beef .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	3½d.	per lb.		
Lamb .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	3½d.	" "		
Mutton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	3½d.	" "		
Rabbits and Hares .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	237s.	" ton measurement.		
Preserved in tins .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	204s.	" "		
Sausage Casings—(dried)—cases or casks .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	321s. 6d.	" "		
Milk and Cream (condensed) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	204s.	" "		

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

Sugar (Refined) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	326s.	per ton weight.		
Dried Fruits .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	161s. 6d.	per ton weight.		
Jams .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	161s. 6d.	per ton measurement.		
Jellies .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	204s.	" "		
Fruits, Fresh (Refrigerator)—									
Apples .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	11s. 6d.	per bushel case.		
Citrus .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	13s. 3d.	" "		
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—									
Wheat—									
Charter .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	90s.	per ton weight.		
Parcels .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	90s.	" "		
Barley .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	107s. 6d.	" "		
Oats .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	125s.	" "		
Maize .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	110s.	" "		
Grain and Pulse, prepared—									
Flour, Wheaten .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	105s.	" "		
Bran .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	125s.	" "		
Pollard .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	117s. 6d.	" "		
Rice (clean, husked) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	110s.	" "		

WINE 194s. per ton measurement.

ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—									
Calf .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1½d.	per lb. (dry in bales).		
Sheep .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	3½d.	" "		
Rabbit .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	4½d.	" "		
Other .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	4½d.	" "		
Pearl-shell .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	204s.	per ton measurement		
Wool—									
Greasy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	3.39d.	per lb. less 7%.		
Scoured and Washed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	4.26d.	" "		
Tops .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	4.06d.	per lb. (net).		

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	204s.	per ton weight		
Copra .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	33s.	per ton measurement		
Bark, Tanning .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	204s.	per ton measurement or weight		
Raw Cotton (in bales) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2½d.	per lb.		

APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—

Apparel and Attire (Effects) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	319s.	per ton measurement or weight		
Binder Twine .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	359s.	per ton weight.		

OILS, FATS AND WAXES—

Oil—									
Coconut .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	230s. 6d.	per ton measurement.		
Eucalyptus .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	204s.	" "		
Fusel .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	326s.	" "		
Whale .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	230s. 6d.	" weight."		
Tallow, Unrefined .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	230s. 6d.	" "		

PAINTS AND VARNISHES 204s. per ton measurement.

Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and Continent at 31st March, 1959—continued.

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—					
Ore in Casks, Bags or Drums	..	..	..	..	132s. 6d. per ton weight.
Zinc—					
Ingots	..	..	..	..	100s. " " "
Dust (in cases)	..	..	..	..	481s. " " "
Sheet (in cases)	..	..	..	..	211s. " " "
Copper (ingots)	..	..	..	..	129s. " " "
Lead	..	..	..	..	116s. " " "
Steel—					
Billets (20 to 30 feet)	..	..	..	..	100s. " " "
Tyres	..	..	..	..	181s. 6d. " " "
Tin Clippings hydraulically pressed	..	..	..	..	102s. 6d. " " "
LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—					
Leather	..	..	..	..	448s. per ton weight.
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—					
Timber—					
Logs up to 40-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	70s. 10d. per 100 super. feet.
" over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	76s. 1d. " " "
" over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	81s. 8d. " " "
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths—					
Shipment of less than 50 tons	..	..	..	..	37s. 6d. " " "
EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA AND GLASS					
	..	..	..	..	204s. per ton measurement or weight
STATIONERY					
	..	..	..	..	204s. " " "
DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—					
Fertilizers	..	..	..	..	204s. per ton weight
MISCELLANEOUS—					
Soap	..	..	..	..	204s. per ton measurement
Casein	..	..	..	..	323s. " " weight in bags.
SPECIE	..	..	..	..	15s. per cent.

INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES. GENERAL CARGO, 31st MARCH, 1959.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

(These rates are expressed in Australian currency unless otherwise footnoted.)

To—	From—				
	Brisbane.	Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Sydney.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brisbane	..	148 0	..	177 6	..
Sydney	146 0	..
Melbourne	..	177 6	146 0	..	..
Adelaide	..	180 0	162 6	..	..
Fremantle	..	(a) 196 6	189 0	127 0	..
Hobart	..	(b) 173 6	144 6	176 6	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	..	(b) 167 0	144 6	131 0	..
Darwin	..	239 6	248 6	115 0	..
	276 0	..
Auckland(c)	..	157 0	150 0	150 0	232 6
Wellington(c)	..	(d) 157 0	(d) 150 0	(d) 150 0	(d) 232 6
Lyttleton(c)	..	157 0	150 0	150 0	232 6
Dunedin(c)	..	157 0	150 0	(d) 245 10	232 6
New Hebrides—Vila	230 0	..	235 0
Norfolk Island	240 0	..	265 0
Papua—					
Port Moresby	..	230 0	230 0	230 0	..
Samarai	..	230 0	230 0	230 0	..
Territory of New Guinea—					
Lae and Madang	..	260 0	260 0	260 0	..
Rabaul	..	240 0	240 0	240 0	..

(a) Plus 20s. per ton if trans-shipped. (b) Trans-shipped at Sydney.
in sterling. (d) Plus Wellington Harbour Improvement Charges. (c) Rates expressed

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Government Railways for the years 1947-48 to 1956-57 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 48, pages 5-21.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

System.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.	1957-58.
ROUTE-MILEAGE OPEN AT END OF YEAR.						
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,258	2,252
New South Wales ..	6,113	6,101	6,102	6,103	6,103	6,103
Victoria ..	4,660	4,482	4,451	4,445	4,408	4,401
Queensland(a) ..	6,560	6,560	6,553	6,456	6,456	6,456
South Australia ..	2,553	2,564	2,564	2,564	2,544	2,533
Western Australia ..	4,108	4,111	4,111	4,119	4,117	4,117
Tasmania ..	605	605	605	585	585	565
Australia ..	26,800	26,624	26,587	26,473	26,471	26,427

REVENUE TRAIN-MILES.
(‘000.)

Commonwealth ..	1,738	1,953	2,029	2,336	2,136	1,910
New South Wales ..	36,289	37,506	37,294	38,478	37,030	35,020
Victoria ..	17,690	18,303	18,740	18,635	18,544	18,353
Queensland(a) ..	18,563	19,241	19,637	19,289	20,054	19,032
South Australia ..	7,199	7,359	7,216	7,113	7,188	7,081
Western Australia ..	5,255	7,204	7,769	8,278	8,278	7,327
Tasmania ..	1,990	1,898	2,066	2,105	1,855	1,568
Australia ..	88,724	93,464	94,751	96,234	95,085	90,291

PASSENGER-JOURNEYS.(b)
(‘000.)

Commonwealth ..	190	224	215	230	213	238
New South Wales ..	271,699	278,904	281,417	280,470	263,137	258,651
Victoria ..	162,857	166,106	169,204	166,708	167,405	167,662
Queensland(a) ..	35,819	35,879	35,919	35,647	34,270	33,665
South Australia ..	17,565	17,605	16,849	16,434	17,407	17,564
Western Australia ..	6,339	8,678	10,139	12,271	13,271	14,106
Tasmania ..	3,151	3,285	3,114	2,977	2,813	2,444
Australia ..	497,620	510,681	516,857	514,737	498,516	494,330

GOODS AND LIVESTOCK CARRIED.
(‘000 Tons.)

Commonwealth ..	660	762	816	918	1,069	1,259
New South Wales(c)	19,121	20,140	19,386	18,787	18,791	18,502
Victoria ..	9,192	9,200	10,082	9,607	9,381	8,892
Queensland(a) ..	7,351	8,081	8,492	8,180	8,453	7,766
South Australia ..	4,147	4,433	4,474	4,414	4,498	4,146
Western Australia ..	2,619	3,206	3,407	3,793	4,223	3,589
Tasmania ..	897	968	1,041	1,075	1,061	1,096
Australia ..	43,987	46,790	47,698	46,774	47,476	45,250

(a) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles).
 (b) Based on ticket sales, allowances being made for periodical tickets. Except in Tasmania, concession tickets are counted as full journeys.
 (c) Includes an estimate for livestock.

Government Railways—continued.

System.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.	1957-58.
GROSS REVENUE.(a) (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	2,710	3,402	3,741	4,741	4,962	5,346
New South Wales ..	72,676	74,569	73,361	75,386	78,689	74,433
Victoria ..	31,864	35,707	37,667	37,032	37,352	35,954
Queensland(b) ..	25,985	30,223	31,625	31,312	36,678	34,636
South Australia ..	11,891	12,718	12,939	13,098	13,770	13,160
Western Australia ..	7,667	11,111	12,315	13,080	13,859	12,788
Tasmania ..	2,039	2,133	2,322	2,535	2,534	2,569
Australia ..	154,832	169,863	173,970	177,184	187,844	178,886

WORKING EXPENSES.
(£'000.)

Commonwealth ..	2,728	2,897	2,921	3,176	3,597	3,611
New South Wales ..	66,452	68,197	68,397	74,904	75,352	72,534
Victoria ..	34,008	35,951	37,032	38,026	39,118	38,174
Queensland(b) ..	27,979	29,103	30,946	33,873	37,790	36,894
South Australia ..	15,013	14,934	15,414	15,761	15,977	15,953
Western Australia ..	12,510	14,298	14,690	15,920	17,076	16,091
Tasmania ..	2,864	2,804	3,077	3,262	3,447	3,218
Australia ..	161,554	168,184	172,477	184,922	192,357	186,475

NET REVENUE.
(£'000.)

Commonwealth ..	— 18	505	820	1,565	1,365	1,735
New South Wales ..	6,224	6,372	4,964	482	3,337	1,899
Victoria ..	— 2,144	— 244	635	— 994	— 1,766	— 2,220
Queensland(b) ..	— 1,994	1,120	679	— 2,561	— 1,112	— 2,258
South Australia ..	— 3,122	— 2,216	— 2,475	— 2,663	— 2,207	— 2,793
Western Australia ..	— 4,843	— 3,187	— 2,375	— 2,840	— 3,217	— 3,303
Tasmania ..	— 825	— 671	— 755	— 727	— 913	— 649
Australia ..	— 6,722	1,679	1,493	— 7,738	— 4,513	— 7,589

RATIO OF WORKING EXPENSES TO GROSS REVENUE.
(PER CENT.)

Commonwealth ..	100.66	85.14	78.09	66.99	72.50	67.55
New South Wales ..	91.44	91.45	93.23	99.36	95.76	97.45
Victoria ..	106.73	100.68	98.31	102.68	104.73	106.17
Queensland(b) ..	103.67	96.30	97.85	108.18	103.03	106.52
South Australia ..	126.26	117.42	119.12	120.33	116.03	121.23
Western Australia ..	163.18	128.68	119.29	121.71	123.21	125.83
Tasmania ..	140.44	131.48	132.50	128.69	136.01	125.24
Australia ..	104.34	99.01	99.14	104.36	102.40	104.24

(a) Excludes Government Grants.
Uniform Gauge line (69 route-miles).

(b) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

Government Railways—continued.

The table on this page is prepared from quarterly statements supplied by each Government Railway, and figures therein are not completely comparable with those shown in preceding pages which are derived, in the main, from the Annual Reports of the Government Railways.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.(b)	Tas.	Total.
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1957.								
Route Miles open ..	2,258	6,103	4,425	6,387	2,551	4,117	585	26,426
Train-miles '000	976	18,093	9,326	9,885	3,649	3,674	810	46,413
Revenue (c)—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, etc.) £'000	517	12,666	6,195	2,966	951	775	95	24,165
Goods, including Livestock and Minerals ..	2,071	25,222	10,630	15,615	5,618	5,182	1,152	65,490
Miscellaneous ..	196	333	1,268	(d)	449	469	37	2,752
Total Revenue (c) ..	2,784	38,221	18,093	18,581	7,018	6,426	1,284	92,407
Working Expenses £'000	1,951	36,599	19,610	18,833	(e) 8,129	7,859	1,506	94,022
Net Revenue .. £'000	833	1,622	1,517	257	1,111	963	222	1,615
Ratio of Working Expenses to Revenue %	70.09	95.76	108.39	101.33	115.82	114.98	117.28	101.75
Revenue per Train-mile	57s. 1d.	42s. 3d.	38s. 10d.	37s. 7d.	38s. 6d.	35s. 0d.	31s. 8d.	39s. 1d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	40s. 0d.	40s. 5d.	42s. 1d.	38s. 1d.	44s. 7d.	40s. 3d.	37s. 2d.	40s. 6d.
Passenger-journeys '000	119	130,262	83,912	16,571	8,132	7,272	1,259	247,527
Freight Carried—								
Livestock '000 tons	49 (f)	318	294	375	139	81	12	1,268
Coal and Coke ..	344	9,154	1,246	875	70	284	150	22,242
Other Minerals ..	49		2,799	433	648	151		
Other Goods ..	192			2,959	1,342	1,166	380	
Total Freight ..	634	9,472	4,339	4,642	2,199	1,682	542	23,510

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1958.

Route Miles open ..	2,258	6,103	4,402	6,357	2,533	4,117	565	26,365
Train-miles '000	1,011	17,892	9,223	10,157	3,438	3,715	775	46,211
Revenue(c)—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, etc.) £'000	517	12,471	6,548	3,002	978	794	92	24,402
Goods, including Livestock and Minerals ..	2,145	25,552	10,704	16,216	4,930	5,072	1,206	65,825
Miscellaneous ..	186	274	1,315	(d)	415	472	40	2,702
Total Revenue(c) ..	2,848	38,297	18,567	19,218	6,323	6,338	1,338	92,929
Working Expenses £'000	1,858	35,744	19,175	18,588	(e) 7,670	7,408	1,470	91,913
Net Revenue .. £'000	990	2,553	— 608 +	630 —	1,347 —	1,070 —	132	1,016
Ratio of Working Expenses to Revenue %	65.24	93.33	103.27	96.72	121.30	116.89	109.83	98.91
Revenue per Train-mile	56s. 4d.	42s. 10d.	40s. 3d.	37s. 10d.	36s. 9d.	34s. 1d.	34s. 7d.	40s. 3d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	36s. 9d.	39s. 11d.	41s. 7d.	36s. 7d.	44s. 7d.	39s. 11d.	37s. 11d.	39s. 9d.
Passenger-journeys '000	132	127,169	82,836	16,620	7,900	7,145	1,099	242,901
Freight Carried—								
Livestock '000 tons	75	362	250	511	126	88	12	1,424
Coal and Coke ..	387	9,407	1,170	845	63	274	161	22,502
Other Minerals ..	54		2,922	476	614	140	408	
Other Goods ..	197			3,124	1,135	1,125		
Total Freight ..	713	9,769	4,342	4,956	1,938	1,627	581	23,926

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of the Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles).
 (b) Financial details include road motors. (c) Excludes Government grants. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Includes depreciation. (f) Estimated.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Electric Tramways and Motor Omnibus Services for the years 1947-48 to 1956-57 appear in *Transport and Communication*, Bulletin No. 48, pages 22-28.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS, AND TROLLEY BUSES.

State and Year.	Route-mileage Open at 30th June.	Car-miles.	Passenger- journeys.	Gross Revenue. (a)	Working Expenses. (b)	Net Revenue.
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1957-58—						
New South Wales	69	10,500	116,016	4,405	5,013	— 608
Victoria ..	170	21,896	203,943	6,324	6,487	— 163
Queensland ..	85	8,814	97,269	(c) 2,331	(c) 2,220	(c) 111
South Australia ..	60	4,684	24,551	1,019	1,333	— 314
Western Australia	26	1,416	10,300	350	453	— 103
Tasmania ..	47	(d) 4,266	(d) 27,228	(d) 801	(d) 914	(d) — 113
Total ..	457	(d) 51,576	d 479,307	cd 15,230	cd 16,420	(cd) — 1,190
Total—1956-57	493	(d) 57,622	(d) 534,707	(cd) 17,267	(cd) 18,147	(cd) — 880
1955-56	518	58,881	593,284	15,878	18,558	— 2,680
1954-55	525	60,878	619,279	15,267	17,797	— 2,530
1953-54	527	64,186	637,289	15,780	18,181	— 2,401
1952-53	530	66,185	652,987	15,968	18,420	— 2,452

(a) Excludes Government grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Excludes particulars of the Brisbane City Council Trolley Bus Service, details of which are included with motor omnibus services. (d) Includes particulars of Hobart and Launceston omnibus services of the Metropolitan Transport Trust.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.

State or Territory and Year.	Route-mileage at 30th June.	Omnibus- mileage.	Passenger- journeys.	Gross Revenue.(a)	Working Expenses.(b)
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1957-58—					
New South Wales ..	514	35,134	194,071	8,510	9,501
Victoria ..	99	5,940	34,577	1,157	1,482
Queensland ..	423	5,587	30,121	(c) 1,040	(c) 1,256
South Australia ..	82	6,779	35,532	1,475	1,535
Western Australia ..	2,934	7,676	25,359	1,056	1,150
Tasmania ..	702	(d) 836	(d) 314	(d) 153	(d) 145
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	49	965	3,449	141	211
Total ..	4,803	(d) 62,917	(d) 323,423	(cd) 13,532	(cd) 15,280
Total 1956-57	4,869	(d) 58,525	(d) 294,567	(cd) 12,206	(cd) 13,839
1955-56	4,571	57,809	333,761	9,592	12,970
1954-55	4,492	57,513	346,749	9,613	12,063
1953-54	4,612	56,894	339,578	8,853	11,387
1952-53	4,562	55,382	334,907	9,320	11,465

(a) Excludes Government grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Includes particulars of Brisbane City Council Trolley Bus Services. (d) Excludes particulars of the Hobart and Launceston omnibus services of the Metropolitan Transport Trust.

NOTE:—Further details of Motor Vehicle Registrations, etc., appear in *Transport and Communication* Bulletin No. 48 and the Monthly and Annual Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles.

Defence Service vehicles are excluded from registrations. Prior to January, 1956, Department of Navy vehicles were included.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE.

State or Territory and Year.	Registrations at 30th June. (Number.)				Drivers' and Riders' Licences in Force at 30th June.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders', etc., Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
						£	£	£	£
1957-58.									
New South Wales	554,488	270,344	34,581	859,413	1,149,472	10,491,728	1,189,197	1,626,582	13,307,508
Victoria(b) ..	562,362	161,119	24,353	747,834	879,779	8,816,380	439,906	2,446,367	11,702,653
Queensland ..	206,260	138,736	20,193	365,189	(c)	4,850,481	150,729	1,031,083	6,032,293
South Australia	173,236	67,755	18,742	259,733	306,932	3,393,089	354,737	87,138	3,834,964
Western Australia	110,573	66,236	12,827	189,636	241,212	1,990,860	147,682	133,453	2,271,995
Tasmania ..	56,877	24,025	4,018	84,920	99,946	1,022,494	69,129	140,295	1,231,918
Northern Territory ..	3,078	3,965	718	7,761	8,821	40,664	6,380	922	47,966
Australian Capital Territory ..	8,764	2,991	451	12,206	17,166	93,255	9,924	1,664	104,843
Total ..	1675638	735,171	115,883	2,526,692	2,270,3328	30,698,951	2,367,684	5,467,505	38,534,140
1956-57	1564335	707,107	119,963	2,391,405	2,257,5896	27,378,939	2,205,412	4,802,837	34,387,188
1955-56	1467252	683,396	125,600	2,276,248	2,245,7246	24,437,761	1,874,106	3,385,800	29,697,667
1954-55	1341996	654,674	133,029	2,129,699	2,229,5854	22,951,527	1,757,244	3,768,924	28,472,695
1953-54	1195133	611,580	140,614	1,947,327	2,214,8119	20,450,179	1,579,110	4,382,204	26,411,493
1952-53(e)	1102959	584,341	147,639	1,834,939	2,238,370	18,779,761	1,350,208	3,761,246	23,891,215

(a) Includes hire cars and taxis.

(b) See note (a) in table below.

(c) Not available.

(d) Excludes Queensland.

(e) Registrations exclude the Northern Territory.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS. (Number.)

Vehicles and Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
At 31st March, 1959.									
Motor Cars(b) ..	582,831	584,558	218,758	181,060	116,297	58,153	3,316	9,970	1,754,943
Commercial Vehicles, etc.	284,622	164,697	140,895	68,549	67,054	24,192	4,087	3,251	757,342
Motor Cycles ..	33,411	23,368	19,850	18,687	13,183	3,624	706	463	113,297
Total ..	900,864	772,623	379,503	268,296	196,534	85,969	8,109	13,684	2,625,582
At 30th June, 1958 ..	859,413	747,834	365,189	259,733	189,636	84,920	7,761	12,206	2,526,692
" " " 1957 ..	807,088	708,582	345,084	250,207	182,944	80,000	6,657	10,843	2,391,405
" " " 1956 ..	762,950	677,916	326,555	238,701	178,353	76,153	5,547	10,073	2,276,248
" " " 1955 ..	709,036	629,147	307,721	229,502	168,787	71,673	4,999	8,834	2,129,699
" " " 1954 ..	654,557	559,246	284,207	218,412	153,917	65,362	3,823	7,803	1,947,327

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles registered for private use.

(b) Includes hire cars and taxis.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES. (Number.)

Vehicles and Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
NINE MONTHS ENDED 31st March, 1959.									
Motor Cars(b) ..	44,209	41,949	15,893	12,735	7,894	3,983	313	1,247	128,223
Commercial Vehicles, etc.	24,768	10,662	8,089	4,449	3,759	1,475	262	346	53,810
Motor Cycles ..	2,082	1,697	1,267	858	1,527	139	31	72	7,673
Total ..	71,059	54,308	25,249	18,042	13,180	5,597	606	1,665	189,706
Total 1957-58 ..	87,712	71,773	32,845	23,333	17,412	7,505	728	1,671	242,979
1956-57 ..	76,895	63,423	30,620	22,832	14,931	7,629	786	1,251	218,317
1955-56 ..	85,039	72,753	32,689	25,896	16,462	8,425	620	1,556	243,440
1954-55 ..	84,554	69,243	34,116	27,248	19,677	8,483	588	1,362	245,271
1953-54 ..	67,987	50,904	28,455	21,162	16,864	7,133	420	932	193,857

(a) See Note (a) in table above.

(b) Includes hire cars and taxis.

NOTE.—Particulars of New Motor Vehicles registered, as shown above, are compiled by the Registration Authorities in each State, and because of the factors referred to in note (a) and for other reasons, differ from those published in the Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles and the Monthly Press Statement.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Civil Aviation for the years 1947–48 to 1956–57 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 48, pages 29–32.

CIVIL AVIATION. Australian Registrations, Licences, Aerodromes, Etc.

Particulars.	At 30th June.				At 31st December.	
	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	1957.	1958.
Registered Aircraft Owners ..	414	437	485	570	507	600
Registered Aircraft ..	887	934	1,054	1,180	1,108	1,216
Pilots' Licences—						
Private	2,245	2,453	2,592	2,628	2,730	2,686
Student	3,193	3,272	3,397	3,493	3,322	3,624
Commercial	582	665	829	963	867	1,024
Airline Transport ..	963	1,003	1,027	1,045	1,024	1,051
Flight Navigators' Licences ..	161	177	187	176	171	178
Radio Operators' Licences ..	1,344	1,461	1,643	1,886	1,727	2,114
Flight Engineers' Licences ..	98	94	116	176	157	183
Aircraft Maintenance Engi- neers' Licences	1,747	1,818	1,915	2,016	1,922	2,105
Aerodromes—(a)						
Government	185	188	169	168	168	168
Licensed	303	301	313	311	313	306
Flying Boat Bases and Alighting Areas(a) ..	13	13	13	13	13	13

(a) Excludes Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Australian Airline Operations, Etc.

Particulars.	1954–55.	1955–56.	1956–57.	1957–58.	Six Months ended 31st December.	
					1957.	1958.

REGULAR INTERNAL SERVICES.

Hours flown ..	No.	257,787	251,900	251,139	237,981	121,697	117,923
Miles flown ..	'000.	43,513	43,701	42,120	40,533	20,727	20,393
Paying passengers ..	No.	1,918,125	2,020,380	2,125,338	2,122,794	1,049,088	1,049,684
Paying passenger-miles	'000.	765,652	827,885	891,196	898,542	445,803	450,898
Freight—							
Tons(a) .. .. .	..	78,711	84,446	75,092	70,003	37,561	33,256
Ton-miles(a) ..	'000.	36,984	38,909	36,330	32,987	18,160	15,236
Mail—							
Tons(a) .. .. .	..	2,317	2,478	2,514	2,642	1,536	1,525
Ton-miles(a) ..	'000.	1,257	1,357	1,404	1,446	822	852

OVERSEA SERVICES.(b)

Unduplicated route miles	No.	(c) 63,774	(c) 58,618	(c) 62,675	(c) 71,729	(d) 66,597	(d) 72,777
Hours flown ..	..	49,326	50,665	56,939	63,917	30,333	34,927
Miles flown ..	'000.	11,128	12,028	13,614	15,267	7,266	8,274
Paying passengers ..	No.	114,371	131,934	155,618	164,634	78,018	84,471
Paying-passenger-miles	'000.	317,565	383,930	476,831	501,388	245,989	273,272
Freight—							
Tons(a) .. .. .	..	2,662	2,990	2,957	3,205	1,645	1,802
Ton-miles(a) ..	'000.	9,372	10,494	11,203	12,051	7,172	7,599
Mail—							
Tons(a) .. .. .	..	1,442	1,491	1,622	1,749	946	1,013
Ton-miles(a) ..	'000.	7,927	8,458	9,450	9,789	5,340	4,989

AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT (e) ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES.

Number .. .. .	..	22	31	37	35	15	20
Persons Killed ..	..	27	22	24	28	8	6
Persons Injured ..	..	19	27	36	31	13	19

(a) In terms of short tons (2,000 lb.). (b) Airlines wholly owned or partly owned by Australian interests. (c) At 30th June. (d) At 31st December. (e) Aircraft on Australian Register and gliders irrespective of location of accident.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones for the years 1947-48 to 1956-57 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 48, on pages 58-73. Further details of Road Traffic Accidents are included on pages 40-46 of that Bulletin.

TELEPHONES—LINES AND INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED. (Number.)

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 31st March—	
	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	1958.	1959.
Lines connected ..	1,127,886	1,206,625	1,278,871	1,861,924	1,836,803	1,421,565
Instruments connected ..	1,587,082	1,703,622	1,814,430	1,936,960	1,900,971	2,025,651

BROADCASTING—LISTENERS' LICENCES.

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1953 ..	742,002	533,329	282,338	212,104	145,141	70,741	1,985,655
" " 1954 ..	769,478	545,148	287,683	220,065	148,192	71,047	2,041,618
" " 1955 ..	746,050	549,690	293,542	223,593	150,199	71,602	2,034,676
" " 1956 ..	776,284	554,389	301,371	228,625	153,445	74,729	2,088,793
" " 1957 ..	777,072	554,909	312,527	234,120	155,166	73,459	2,107,253
" " 1958 ..	784,897	557,960	320,626	238,916	159,551	75,915	2,137,865
31st March, 1959 ..	817,454	598,332	332,050	244,429	166,127	76,949	2,235,341

(a) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

TELEVISION—VIEWERS' LICENCES.

In force at—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Tasmania.	Total.
30th September, 1957 ..	50,563	69,070	18	119,651
31st December, 1957 ..	74,627	91,922	27	166,576
31st March, 1958 ..	106,085	114,097	39	220,221
30th June, 1958 ..	143,422	147,721	43	291,186
30th September, 1958 ..	198,522	191,492	45	390,059
31st December, 1958 ..	232,473	222,172	51	454,696
31st March, 1959 ..	262,606	243,013	70	505,689

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.(a) (Reported to the Police.)

State or Territory, and Period.	Acci- dents in- volving Casual- ties.	Persons Killed.			Persons Injured.		
		Number.	Per Million of Popu- lation.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.	Number.	Per Million of Popu- lation.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.
THREE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1958.							
New South Wales	3,613	206	56	24	4,585	1,240	530
Victoria	1,854	164	60	22	2,694	980	357
Queensland	1,348	87	61	24	1,785	1,257	485
South Australia	1,070	38	42	15	1,352	1,503	519
Western Australia	856	48	68	25	1,076	1,521	571
Tasmania	189	10	30	12	232	690	273
Australian Capital Territory ..	84	1	24	8	105	2,518	845
Total	9,014	554	56	22	11,829	1,201	467
Year 1957-58(b)	39,473	2,146	221	87	52,213	5,368	2,129
" 1956-57(b)	39,066	2,113	222	90	50,450	5,301	2,158
" 1955-56(b)	37,766	2,119	228	96	48,773	5,245	2,209
" 1954-55(b)	36,602	2,042	225	99	46,465	5,121	2,264
" 1953-54(b)	35,523	1,976	222	105	44,629	5,013	2,377

(a) Refers to those accidents (reported to the police) which occurred in public thoroughfares and which resulted in death or in bodily injury to any person to an extent requiring medical or surgical treatment.

(b) Excludes the Northern Territory.

SECTION VI.—RETAIL SALES.

TOTAL RETAIL SALES OF GOODS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS.(a)

(Adjusted on a Basis Comparable with the 1952-53 Retail Census.)

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals etc.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the year 1952-53 were obtained from the Census taken in respect of that year whereas figures for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys. Details by States exclude Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.

(\$ million.)

Particulars.	1952-53. (b)	1955-56. (c)	1956-57. (c)	1957-58. (c)	Three months ended June.	
					1957.(c)	1958.(c)
STATES.						
New South Wales ..	674.7	859.8	888.2	943.6	223.6	232.2
Victoria	476.3	609.7	642.7	673.8	160.6	168.2
Queensland	224.9	290.4	307.3	322.2	76.9	79.5
South Australia ..	143.7	185.1	190.5	195.2	47.4	48.3
Western Australia ..	127.3	155.2	158.9	169.0	40.7	42.3
Tasmania	55.2	68.3	71.5	73.1	17.8	18.2
Total	1,702.1	2,168.5	2,259.1	2,376.9	567.0	588.7

COMMODITY GROUPS.

Groceries.. ..	261.5	335.9	352.0	372.6	88.3	94.4
Butchers' Meat	127.8	158.6	170.8	174.0	43.6	44.3
Other Food(d)	206.8	268.7	280.6	295.0	70.1	72.8
Total Foodstuffs ..	596.1	763.2	803.4	841.6	202.0	211.5
Beer, Wine and Spirits ..	173.0	219.7	235.6	247.7	57.5	58.3
Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Footwear ..	355.1	437.6	442.8	457.7	116.5	119.9
Hardware, China and Glass-ware(e)	113.8	153.4	154.0	159.0	38.0	38.1
Electrical Goods and Radios(f)	75.8	106.2	113.5	135.8	28.4	32.8
Furniture and Floor Coverings	72.8	92.3	92.7	98.4	22.6	23.9
Other Goods(g)	315.5	396.1	417.1	436.7	102.0	104.2
Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.) ..	1,702.1	2,168.5	2,259.1	2,376.9	567.0	588.7
Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(h)	417.3	630.2	637.6	711.8	164.9	181.1

(a) Excludes sales in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (b) Census figures.
 (c) Survey figures. Subject to revision. (d) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (e) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.). (f) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (g) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. (h) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The statistics in the following tables relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each quarter, but, from the time of assignment are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

Balances Outstanding at end of each Quarter.(a)**(Including Hiring Charges and Insurance.)****(£'000.)**

As at—	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.(c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1956—31st December ..	83,730	61,023	36,089	24,751	15,877	9,033	230,503
1957—31st March ..	83,617	61,866	36,608	25,226	15,331	9,049	231,697
30th June ..	85,259	64,045	36,934	25,349	15,488	9,023	236,098
30th September ..	88,364	67,434	37,962	25,800	15,982	8,985	244,527
31st December ..	96,060	74,138	40,286	27,454	17,470	9,457	265,070
1958—31st March ..	102,676	79,481	41,266	27,898	18,155	9,798	279,274
30th June ..	111,170	85,020	42,483	28,761	19,052	9,932	296,418
30th September ..	119,895	89,020	44,361	29,719	19,605	10,109	313,604
31st December ..	130,341	96,455	47,472	31,867	21,201	10,665	338,001
1959—31st March ..	134,288	98,247	48,240	32,054	20,526	10,609	343,964

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory.

Agreements Made during Three months ended 31st March, 1959.

Particulars of Agreements.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
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MOTOR VEHICLES.

Number of Agreements ..	32,564	23,234	14,565	10,220	6,605	3,239	90,427
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	23,929	17,403	9,671	6,821	4,522	2,165	64,511
Amount Financed(d) £'000	14,848	11,059	5,902	4,175	2,801	1,306	40,091

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

Number of Agreements ..	2,751	2,214	1,183	580	441	136	7,305
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	2,025	1,212	971	278	316	93	4,895
Amount Financed(d) £'000	1,304	762	559	183	209	56	3,073

HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.

Number of Agreements ..	82,012	41,141	41,635	22,264	11,726	4,376	203,154
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	9,107	4,882	2,519	1,744	1,081	353	19,686
Amount Financed(d) £'000	7,552	3,987	2,063	1,455	839	279	16,175

TOTAL (ALL GOODS).

Number of Agreements ..	117,327	66,589	57,383	33,064	18,772	7,751	300,886
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	35,061	23,497	13,161	8,843	5,919	2,611	89,092
Amount Financed(d) £'000	23,704	15,808	8,524	5,813	3,849	1,641	59,339

(a) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Retail Sales: Hire Purchase Operations of Finance Businesses—continued.

Agreements Made during each Quarter : Australia.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Pro-portion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed. (b)
		Total.	Average per Agree-ment.	Total.	Average per Agree-ment.	
		£'000.	£	£'000.	£	%
MOTOR VEHICLES.						
Quarterly Average—						
1956-57	79,189	56,223	710	34,192	432	61
1957-58	89,547	64,452	720	39,362	440	61
Quarterly Total—						
1958—March	87,837	63,574	724	38,773	441	61
June	93,690	68,898	735	42,104	449	61
September	98,240	69,876	711	42,819	436	61
December	106,670	77,745	729	48,417	454	62
1959—March	90,427	64,511	713	40,091	443	62

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

Quarterly Average—						
1956-57	5,394	3,665	679	2,289	424	62
1957-58	5,610	3,976	709	2,544	454	64
Quarterly Total—						
1958—March	5,596	3,853	689	2,516	450	65
June	5,905	3,939	667	2,554	433	65
September	6,491	4,443	684	2,910	448	65
December	9,235	7,207	780	4,598	498	64
1959—March	7,305	4,895	670	3,073	421	63

HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.

Quarterly Average—						
1956-57	172,852	13,364	77	10,722	62	80
1957-58	206,572	20,979	102	16,984	82	81
Quarterly Total—						
1958—March	215,007	22,817	106	18,385	86	81
June	209,780	22,120	105	18,007	86	81
September	209,244	21,866	105	17,873	85	82
December	229,684	22,499	98	18,473	80	82
1959—March	203,154	19,686	97	16,175	80	82

TOTAL (ALL GOODS).

Quarterly Average—						
1956-57	257,435	73,252	285	47,203	183	64
1957-58	301,729	89,407	296	58,890	195	66
Quarterly Total—						
1958—March	308,440	90,244	293	59,674	193	66
June	309,375	94,957	307	62,665	203	66
September	313,975	96,185	306	63,602	203	66
December	345,589	107,451	311	71,488	207	67
1959—March	300,886	89,092	296	59,339	197	67

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

SECTION VII.—PRIVATE FINANCE.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

Average Liabilities within Australia.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Inter- minable Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circu- lation.	Balances due to other Banks. (b)	Bills Payable and all other Lia- bilities.	Total Lia- bilities.	
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.					
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.									
1954-55	130,909	43,549	174,458	..	309	16,148	190,915
1955-56	135,617	46,243	181,860	..	314	17,496	199,670
1956-57	140,125	44,423	184,548	..	389	18,160	203,087
1957-58	150,220	54,837	205,057	..	422	19,523	225,002
Quarter ended—									
March, 1958	149,527	56,013	205,540	..	479	19,074	225,093
June, "	152,053	60,205	212,258	..	394	19,290	231,942
September, "	152,116	66,292	218,408	..	404	20,768	239,580
December, "	162,846	67,518	230,364	..	430	22,338	253,132
March, 1959	158,136	67,454	225,590	..	477	21,072	247,139
Month of—									
January, "	154,437	66,767	221,204	..	523	19,778	241,505
February, "	157,991	67,460	225,451	..	485	21,670	247,606
March, "	161,980	68,133	230,113	..	423	21,768	252,304

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.

1954-55	..	91,047,677	262,986	1,310,663	158	3,282	16,432	1,330,544
1955-56	..	61,032,332	263,107	1,295,439	158	6,528	16,913	1,319,044
1956-57	..	61,023,509	299,499	1,323,003	158	7,343	18,685	1,354,200
1957-58	..	61,045,881	345,415	1,391,296	157	5,561	18,505	1,415,525
Quarter ended—								
March, 1958	..	61,092,615	353,622	1,446,237	157	3,612	17,741	1,467,753
June, " "	..	61,021,730	352,193	1,373,923	157	6,644	18,680	1,399,410
September, " "	..	61,062,268	363,744	1,326,012	157	4,651	17,904	1,348,730
December, " "	..	61,004,275	366,941	1,371,216	157	3,452	21,555	1,396,336
March, 1959	..	61,046,047	371,786	1,417,833	157	4,077	22,095	1,444,708
Month of—								
January, " "	..	61,029,995	372,059	1,402,054	157	3,436	21,428	1,427,081
February, " "	..	61,043,132	371,733	1,419,870	157	4,195	24,669	1,448,897
March, " "	..	61,060,013	371,562	1,431,575	157	4,603	21,990	1,458,331

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1954-55	..	..	20,520	41,415	16,069	57,484	..	554	461	79,019
1955-56	..	..	20,569	39,726	16,359	56,085	..	1,536	484	78,674
1956-57	..	..	20,472	41,317	16,946	58,263	..	1,372	586	80,693
1957-58	..	..	20,724	42,013	20,311	62,324	..	1,384	790	85,222
Quarter ended—										
March, 1958	..	..	20,721	45,171	20,397	65,568	..	1,298	872	88,459
June, "	..	..	20,808	40,751	22,053	62,804	..	1,126	876	85,614
September, "	..	..	21,383	36,278	24,800	61,078	..	1,014	1,229	84,704
December, "	..	..	21,643	37,252	24,317	62,069	..	1,203	1,053	85,968
March, 1959	..	..	21,988	43,246	24,268	67,514	..	914	1,206	91,622
Month of—										
January, "	..	..	21,683	40,132	24,253	64,385	..	985	1,066	88,119
February, "	..	..	21,975	44,345	24,219	68,564	..	819	1,265	92,623
March, "	..	..	22,307	45,261	24,333	69,594	..	938	1,285	94,124

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1954-55	..	..	20,529	1,220,001	322,604	1,542,605	158	4,145	33,041	1,600,478
1955-56	..	..	20,575	1,207,675	325,709	1,533,334	158	8,378	34,893	1,597,388
1956-57	..	..	20,478	1,209,951	360,868	1,570,819	158	9,104	37,431	1,637,990
1957-58	..	..	20,730	1,238,114	420,563	1,658,677	157	7,367	38,813	1,725,749
Quarter ended—										
March, 1958	..	..	20,727	1,237,313	430,032	1,717,345	157	5,389	37,687	1,781,305
June, "	..	..	20,814	1,214,534	434,451	1,648,985	157	8,164	38,846	1,716,966
September, "	..	..	21,389	1,150,662	454,836	1,605,493	157	6,069	39,901	1,673,014
December, "	..	..	21,649	1,204,373	459,276	1,663,649	157	5,085	44,946	1,735,486
March, 1959	..	..	21,994	1,247,429	463,508	1,710,937	157	5,468	44,973	1,783,529
Month of—										
January, "	..	..	21,689	1,224,564	463,079	1,687,643	157	4,944	42,272	1,756,705
February, "	..	..	21,981	1,250,468	463,417	1,713,885	157	5,490	47,604	1,789,126
March, "	..	..	22,313	1,267,254	464,023	1,781,282	157	5,964	45,043	1,804,759

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on Wednesdays in periods. (b) Includes short-term loans from Central Bank.

Cheque-paying Banks—continued.
Average Assets within Australia.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Cash and Cash Balances.(b)	Special Account with C'wealth Bank.	Balances with other Banks. (c)	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.									
1954-55	10,456	36,061	870	12,260	38,165	1,606	89,138	5,675	194,231
1955-56	10,213	33,155	1,238	6,333	38,599	1,824	103,894	6,815	202,071
1956-57	9,988	34,603	1,469	4,059	35,714	2,654	106,480	7,305	202,272
1957-58	10,829	40,193	1,596	5,500	46,476	3,313	107,815	7,594	223,316
Quarter ended—									
March, 1958 ..	11,209	42,627	1,683	4,346	45,556	3,787	107,528	7,627	224,363
June, " ..	10,226	38,750	1,572	7,154	46,748	3,791	112,457	7,937	228,635
September, " ..	11,311	37,188	1,256	6,577	50,400	3,800	119,743	7,473	237,748
December, " ..	11,515	37,712	1,728	5,615	59,748	3,667	122,403	7,827	250,215
March, 1959 ..	11,865	36,233	1,563	2,542	55,432	3,688	123,608	9,940	244,871
Month of—									
January, " ..	12,226	38,350	1,268	2,500	50,212	3,689	125,586	7,561	241,392
February, " ..	12,509	36,300	1,720	2,625	54,594	3,685	123,929	9,728	245,090
March, " ..	10,858	34,050	1,701	2,500	61,489	3,691	121,311	12,530	248,130

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.									
1954-55	66,908	269,117	18,436	51,602	120,239	5,113	776,762	48,925	1,357,102
1955-56	66,883	238,803	19,672	50,015	113,121	6,695	804,392	56,042	1,355,623
1956-57	63,661	254,052	20,239	51,162	151,298	7,946	762,638	58,363	1,369,359
1957-58	59,805	287,399	18,254	39,027	176,152	13,284	774,302	62,794	1,431,017
Quarter ended—									
March, 1958 ..	62,255	292,311	17,633	76,962	200,439	13,099	752,619	63,921	1,479,239
June, " ..	56,307	258,495	19,352	21,538	173,439	14,696	812,774	64,068	1,420,669
September, " ..	59,140	229,672	16,561	20,519	144,493	16,113	838,403	64,617	1,389,518
December, " ..	60,918	226,841	19,565	36,385	171,398	17,098	821,945	65,387	1,420,397
March, 1959 ..	59,851	219,570	18,249	70,646	231,201	16,982	778,148	70,504	1,465,151
Month of—									
January, " ..	66,404	226,203	16,366	57,875	212,879	16,975	794,817	64,421	1,455,940
February, " ..	58,373	217,003	18,772	73,312	237,954	17,492	775,292	68,617	1,466,815
March, " ..	54,778	215,503	19,608	80,760	242,769	16,479	764,334	78,476	1,472,697

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.									
1954-55	4,586	1,103	2,198	5,641	120,239	1,378	72,189	4,923	105,318
1955-56	3,992	833	1,538	4,119	113,121	817	75,825	5,332	106,372
1956-57	3,857	788	2,267	3,906	150,683	825	77,697	5,599	110,007
1957-58	3,804	745	2,512	4,145	145,322	1,283	81,149	6,192	114,392
Quarter ended—									
March, 1958 ..	3,923	741	3,071	5,391	149,227	1,312	81,922	6,385	117,672
June, " ..	3,210	693	2,464	1,539	146,377	1,744	83,934	6,477	114,753
September, " ..	3,448	606	2,539	500	135,564	3,010	84,615	6,424	114,706
December, " ..	4,054	606	2,884	500	133,383	3,734	85,780	6,741	117,637
March, 1959 ..	4,131	606	3,383	1,729	150,222	4,427	86,084	8,600	123,982
Month of—									
January, " ..	4,279	606	3,159	875	140,793	3,714	86,611	6,898	120,215
February, " ..	4,260	606	3,405	2,563	153,333	4,283	85,693	8,761	124,904
March, " ..	3,852	606	3,587	1,750	150,662	5,232	85,943	10,141	126,328

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.									
1954-55	81,950	306,286	21,504	69,503	171,699	8,097	938,089	59,523	1,656,651
1955-56	81,088	272,841	22,498	60,467	165,536	9,336	984,111	68,189	1,664,066
1956-57	77,506	289,444	23,975	59,127	202,080	11,424	946,815	71,267	1,681,638
1957-58	74,438	328,337	22,362	48,672	237,160	17,880	963,266	76,580	1,768,695
Quarter ended—									
March, 1958 ..	77,387	335,678	22,387	86,699	260,922	18,199	942,069	77,933	1,821,274
June, " ..	69,743	297,943	23,388	30,281	234,824	20,231	1,009,165	78,432	1,764,057
September, " ..	73,899	267,467	20,356	27,596	208,457	22,922	1,042,761	78,514	1,741,972
December, " ..	76,487	265,159	24,177	42,500	245,034	24,499	1,030,128	79,955	1,787,339
March, 1959 ..	76,347	256,409	23,195	74,917	301,655	25,097	987,840	89,044	1,834,004
Month of—									
January, " ..	82,909	265,159	20,793	61,250	277,164	24,378	1,007,014	78,880	1,817,547
February, " ..	75,142	253,909	23,897	73,500	307,881	25,460	984,914	87,106	1,836,809
March, " ..	69,488	250,159	24,896	85,000	319,920	25,452	971,593	101,147	1,847,655

(a) Averages of assets at close of business on Wednesdays in periods. (b) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank. (c) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments—Average Weekly Assets.
(£'000.)

Period.		Advances.					Treasury Bills.	Common-wealth and State Government Securities.
		Rural Credits Department.	Mortgage Bank Department.	Industrial Finance Department.		Total.		
				Hire Purchase.	Other.			
1954-55	.. ..	62,316	4,837	17,015	6,717	90,885	748	2,146
1955-56	.. ..	73,751	5,068	16,570	9,031	104,420	597	3,022
1956-57	.. ..	56,645	5,141	16,468	9,391	87,645	503	4,195
1957-58	.. ..	33,664	5,508	16,030	9,431	64,633	483	4,907
Quarter ended—								
March,	1958 ..	40,301	5,542	16,053	9,251	71,147	519	5,136
June,	" ..	41,222	5,666	16,113	8,985	71,986	485	5,497
September,	" ..	23,084	5,837	16,542	9,105	54,568	169	5,142
December,	" ..	12,227	5,935	17,660	9,037	44,859	81	4,709
March,	1959 ..	66,778	5,986	17,843	8,942	99,549	121	4,596
Month of—								
January,	" ..	29,126	5,959	18,151	8,924	62,160	100	4,229
February,	" ..	72,899	5,971	17,855	8,919	105,644	137	4,629
March,	" ..	98,309	6,028	17,524	8,982	130,843	125	4,929

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department).(a)
(£A'000.)

(2A 000.)								
Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Lia- bilities (excluding Capital and Reserve Funds).	Gold and Balances Held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Trea- sury Bills).
	Held by—		Total.					
	Banks.	Public.						
1954-55	40,913	316,110	357,023	306,286	36,795	243,468	415,896	459,839
1955-56	42,965	331,131	374,096	272,841	35,630	208,717	298,885	515,716
1956-57	44,863	338,351	383,214	289,444	31,345	205,917	349,663	508,841
1957-58	45,671	343,873	389,544	328,337	25,602	218,393	461,721	478,603
Quarter ended—								
March, 1958 ..	47,140	343,684	390,824	335,678	25,581	221,588	465,230	482,614
June, " ..	46,087	344,352	390,439	297,943	20,245	229,557	440,643	467,804
September, " ..	44,499	345,800	390,299	267,467	27,733	226,426	413,865	491,649
December, " ..	48,493	352,460	400,953	265,159	24,856	226,932	397,507	521,356
March, 1959 ..	48,373	348,051	396,424	256,409	25,283	229,520	405,775	447,024
Month of—								
January " ..	52,085	349,339	401,424	265,159	28,425	225,443	407,320	497,557
February " ..	47,186	345,238	392,424	253,909	25,804	229,662	407,253	432,821
March, " ..	45,848	349,576	395,424	250,159	21,621	233,455	402,752	410,695

(a) Averages of weekly figures.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

(£'000.)

Denomination.	30th March, 1955.	28th March, 1956.	27th March, 1957.	26th March, 1958.	28th January, 1959.	25th February, 1959.	25th March, 1959.
10s.	10,201	10,636	10,770	11,193	11,482	11,370	11,684
£1	69,066	69,880	70,170	68,805	68,956	67,642	69,781
£5	176,513	188,740	169,231	173,426	177,810	174,710	181,015
£10	103,359	113,882	130,981	135,135	141,023	138,513	140,555
£20	5	4	4	4	3	3	3
£50	49	46	44	42	37	37	37
£100	55	50	49	47	41	41	41
£1,000	829	765	720	980	697	733	433
Held by Banks ..	40,507	39,955	43,936	46,441	50,876	46,810	43,818
" " Public ..	319,570	344,048	338,033	343,191	349,173	346,239	359,731
Total	360,077	384,003	381,969	389,632	400,049	393,049	403,549

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS. (£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
ALL SAVINGS BANKS.(a)									
June—1954 ..	339,796	339,781	117,406	122,949	52,614	33,947	1,308	2,328	1,010,129
1955 ..	358,645	364,748	124,814	131,692	53,629	35,809	1,482	2,575	1,073,394
1956 ..	386,554	386,176	132,700	135,756	57,934	37,211	1,656	3,010	1,140,997
1957 ..	422,184	411,569	144,608	142,401	62,693	33,759	1,894	3,802	1,227,410
1958 ..	449,018	433,631	153,244	148,858	65,948	40,241	2,098	3,805	1,296,843
Mar., 1958	439,102	422,727	149,404	145,930	64,555	39,812	1,988	3,748	1,267,266
June "	449,018	433,631	153,244	148,858	65,948	40,241	2,098	3,805	1,296,843
Sept., "	457,706	439,097	158,187	149,850	67,654	41,472	2,207	4,023	1,320,196
Dec. "	465,668	443,915	161,327	150,643	68,231	41,337	2,173	4,152	1,337,446
Jan., 1959	468,099	443,603	160,102	150,836	68,179	41,353	2,151	4,268	1,338,591
Feb., "	471,282	444,521	160,331	151,799	68,583	41,756	2,101	4,261	1,344,634
Mar., "	473,001	445,780	160,630	152,559	69,092	41,799	2,090	4,352	1,349,303

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK.

June—1954 ..	339,796	94,174	117,406	28,102	52,614	12,869	1,308	2,328	648,687
1955 ..	358,645	104,597	124,814	30,547	53,629	13,764	1,482	2,575	690,058
1956 ..	363,711	110,215	126,998	31,880	54,295	14,312	4,384		705,795
1957 ..	363,400	114,542	129,816	33,590	53,697	15,252	4,470		714,773
1958 ..	367,439	117,805	132,545	35,222	53,613	16,119	4,820		727,563
Mar., 1958	362,185	115,906	129,706	34,454	52,730	15,528	4,723		715,232
June, "	367,439	117,805	132,545	35,222	53,613	16,119	4,820		727,563
Sept., "	370,528	119,075	135,717	35,843	54,328	16,580	5,043		737,114
Dec., "	370,957	119,132	136,829	36,067	53,894	16,458	5,075		738,412
Jan., 1959	371,282	118,965	135,217	35,889	53,568	16,442	5,146		736,509
Feb., "	371,914	118,815	134,868	35,951	53,444	16,489	5,074		736,555
Mar., "	371,820	119,287	134,788	36,149	53,590	16,576	5,113		737,323

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

NOTE.—Sales of War Savings and Savings Certificates were discontinued after 31st January, 1949, except for sales to wind up savings groups, etc. The net amount outstanding at the end of June, 1958, was £16,004,000.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS—AVERAGE WEEKLY DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at Capital City Branches.)
(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
1953-54 ..	171,709	154,885	51,032	32,802	25,339	9,938	775	446,480
1954-55 ..	187,471	176,147	53,873	36,287	26,247	10,716	821	491,562
1955-56 ..	200,852	185,369	56,028	39,564	26,918	11,615	1,025	521,371
1956-57 ..	219,368	195,455	62,743	42,685	28,571	12,609	1,229	562,660
1957-58 ..	230,335	207,059	65,655	44,276	30,215	12,930	1,533	592,003
Quarter ended—								
March, 1958 ..	222,515	194,239	60,701	43,168	31,028	12,420	1,434	565,505
June, "	233,694	217,164	66,052	44,880	29,314	14,107	1,871	607,082
September, "	233,304	208,113	68,716	42,448	27,747	12,885	1,939	595,152
December, "	260,779	235,109	74,269	47,510	31,169	14,309	1,843	664,988
March, 1959 ..	239,678	218,785	66,216	46,530	34,219	12,832	1,851	620,111
Month of—								
January, "	205,667	176,766	58,849	39,137	31,862	10,399	1,752	524,432
February, "	254,323	244,602	69,556	50,565	37,237	13,870	2,000	672,153
March, "	259,045	234,986	70,244	49,837	33,559	14,226	1,802	663,749

(a) Covers all cheque-paying banks and in addition the special departments of the Commonwealth Bank (Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments).

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, 31st MARCH, 1959.

Particulars.	Rate per Annum.	Date from which Operative.	Previous Rate per Annum.
	Per cent.		Per cent.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia—			
Rural Credits Department—Government Guaranteed Loans ..	4	1.4.56	3½
Other	4½	1.4.56	4
Mortgage Bank Department Loans—			
5 to 20 years	5	1.4.56	{ 4½ 4½ 4½
Over 20 years			
Industrial Finance Department—Term Loans ..	(a) 6	1.4.56	4½
Commonwealth Savings Bank—			
Loans to Local Government Authorities ..	5½ to 5½	29.3.56	4½ to 5
Crédit Foncier Housing Loans	5	9.4.56	4½
Loans to Co-operative Building and Housing Societies	5	1.4.56	4½
Commonwealth Trading Bank—			
Overdraft—General	(a) 6	1.4.56	4½
Local Government Authorities	5	1.4.56	4½
Other Trading Banks—Overdraft	(a) 6	1.4.56	5
Life Assurance Companies—Loans on own policies ..	6	1-21.5.56	5½
Commonwealth Loans—Long Term	5	10.5.56	4½
Treasury Bills (Discount Rates)	1	1.8.52	¾
Fixed Deposits with Trading Banks—			
3 months	2¼	15.3.56	1½
6 months	2½	15.3.56	1½
12 months	2¾	15.3.56	1¾
24 months	3½	4.12.56	3
Savings Banks—Deposits other than Fixed Deposits—			
Ordinary Accounts (b)—			
Commonwealth Savings Bank and Savings Banks not specified elsewhere—			
£1 to £1,000	3	1.11.58	{ 2½ 1½ Nil.
£1,001 to £1,500			
£1,501 to £2,000			
Savings Bank of South Australia—			
£1 to £500	3¼	1.11.58	{ 3 2¾ Nil.
£501 to £1,500			
£1,501 to £2,000			
Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston—			
£1 to £500	3¼	1.11.58	{ 3 1½
£501 to £1,500			
Friendly and Other Society Accounts—			
Commonwealth Savings Bank and Savings Banks not specified elsewhere—			
£1 to £2,000	3	1.11.58	2¾
£2,001 and over	1½	1.4.56	1½
Savings Bank of South Australia—			
£1 to £500	3¼	1.11.58	{ 3 2¾ 1½
£501 to £2,000			
£2,001 and over			
Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston—			
£1 to £500	3¼	1.11.58	{ 3 1½ Nil.
£501 to £1,500			
£1,501 and over		1.3.57	

(a) Maximum rate. Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent. payable on amounts in excess of the maximum amounts shown.

(b) No interest is

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, AND SECURITY YIELDS.
(Per Cent.)

Period.	Trading Banks—						C'wealth. Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate of Interest).	Treasury Bills (Dis-count Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales—Urban and Rural Securities. (c)
	Fixed Deposits.				Overdrafts.				Short-dated 2 Years. (b)	Long-dated 12 Years. (b)	
	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.	C'wealth. Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.					
1952-53 ..	0.96	1.21	1.46	(d)1.73	4.71	4.96	2.23	0.98	3.03	4.54	4.7
1953-54 ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55 ..	1.13	1.38	1.63	1.88	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.49	4.50	5.2
1955-56 ..	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	5.07	5.25	2.56	1.00	4.39	4.76	5.7
1956-57 ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.29	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.71	5.06	6.6
1957-58 ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.38	4.99	7.0
Month of—											(f)
March, 1958	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.30	4.98	7.1
June, "	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.25	4.94	7.1
Sept., "	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.30	4.97	7.0
Dec., "	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	3.00	1.00	4.23	4.93	7.0
Jan, 1959	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	3.00	1.00	4.18	4.96	7.0
Feb., "	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	3.00	1.00	4.15	4.95	7.0
Mar., "	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	3.00	1.00	4.00	4.89	7.1

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (c) Average of monthly quotations. (d) From December, 1945 to July, 1952, 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess, and from 1st August, 1952, 1.75 per cent. on first £10,000 deposit; 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess. (e) Maximum rate. Average rate on all advances not to exceed $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. (f) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

OVERSEA EXCHANGE RATES : AVERAGE TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER SELLING RATES—SYDNEY ON OVERSEA COUNTRIES.

Country.	Basis of Quotation.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.	1957-58.	March, 1958.	March, 1959.
United Kingdom ..	£A. to £100 Eng. ..	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50
South Africa ..	£A. to £100 S.A. ..	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79
New Zealand ..	£A. to £100 N.Z. ..	125.54	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54
Fiji ..	£A. to £100 F. ..	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00
United States of America	Dollars to £A.1 ..	2.23	2.23	2.22	2.23	2.24	2.24
Canada ..	Dollars to £A.1 ..	2.17	2.21	2.14	2.16	2.19	2.17
Belgium ..	Francs to £A.1 ..	110.60	110.38	110.83	110.61	110.62	111.29
Denmark ..	Kroner to £A.1 ..	15.36	15.81	15.34	15.32	15.33	15.35
France ..	Francs to £A.1 ..	776.71	778.02	780.33	916.39	937.05	1,093.61
Holland ..	Florins to £A.1 ..	8.42	8.43	8.44	8.42	8.42	8.42
Philippines ..	Pesos to £A.1 ..	4.44	4.44	4.44	4.44	4.46	4.45
Norway ..	Kroner to £A.1 ..	15.84	15.84	15.81	15.83	15.84	15.87
Noumea ..	Francs to £A.1 ..	138.61	138.61	138.61	163.00	166.33	195.00
Sweden ..	Kronor to £A.1 ..	11.51	11.48	11.45	11.47	11.51	11.53
Switzerland ..	Francs to £A.1 ..	9.71	9.70	9.71	9.71	9.74	9.65
Hong Kong ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	18.84	18.78	18.80	18.81	18.81	18.80
India ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	22.74	22.72	22.72	22.72	22.72	22.72
Pakistan ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	32.69	32.57	22.72	22.72	22.72	22.72
Ceylon ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	22.80	22.80	22.80	22.81	22.81	22.80
Singapore ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	35.42	35.27	35.28	35.27	35.27	35.41

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

EXCLUDES BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND THE QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE.

New Policies Issued and Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(b)

Period.	New Policies Issued.					Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(c)				
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum As-sured.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum As-sured.
	No.	Sum As-sured.	No.	Sum As-sured.		No.	Sum As-sured.	No.	Sum As-sured.	
		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.
1953-54	284,504	254,125	239,569	32,562	286,087	143,766	81,268	261,779	20,556	101,824
1954-55	282,059	292,374	220,979	32,809	325,183	149,683	93,932	275,754	22,537	116,469
1955-56	297,558	334,717	210,607	32,657	367,374	168,591	110,273	277,099	23,755	134,028
1956-57	291,942	392,197	210,308	33,138	425,335	170,411	119,712	271,467	25,890	145,102
1957-58	299,612	450,737	208,966	33,830	484,567	188,175	141,054	295,944	27,076	163,130
Quarter ended—										
March, 1958 ..	57,081	76,974	37,890	5,992	82,966	42,399	33,065	67,161	6,775	39,840
June, " ..	71,632	111,796	56,861	9,237	121,033	45,444	37,521	75,912	6,938	44,509
September, " ..	90,169	137,663	60,847	9,927	147,590	49,348	41,186	67,830	6,054	47,240
December, " ..	78,792	155,790	43,013	7,554	163,344	44,392	42,075	76,136	7,487	49,562
March, 1959 ..	60,481	92,124	35,412	5,771	97,595	41,341	37,234	65,914	7,163	44,397
Month of—										
January, 1959 ..	16,194	25,976	4,234	646	26,622	12,358	10,732	24,616	2,874	13,606
February, " ..	19,872	29,761	14,390	2,323	32,084	14,098	12,929	19,402	2,102	15,031
March, " ..	24,415	36,387	16,788	2,802	39,189	14,885	13,573	21,896	2,187	15,760

(a) Includes Papua and New Guinea. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes policies which became due for payment on account of death or maturity, policies surrendered and policies discontinued for other causes.

Premiums Received, Amounts Paid on Claims, Surrenders, etc., and New Loans Granted.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Premiums.(b)			Claims, etc., Paid.(c)			New Loans Granted (d)
	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	
1953-54	56,152	14,062	70,214	21,148	8,036	29,184	34,459
1954-55	62,100	14,616	76,716	23,791	8,853	32,644	51,825
1955-56	69,426	14,734	84,160	27,159	9,511	36,670	56,925
1956-57	77,452	14,973	92,425	29,641	10,092	39,733	59,905
1957-58	87,466	15,281	102,747	33,562	10,947	44,509	59,381
Quarter ended—							
March, 1958 ..	19,735	3,363	23,098	7,664	2,515	10,179	12,271
June, " ..	24,359	3,868	28,227	8,585	2,610	11,195	15,924
September, " ..	24,243	3,922	28,165	9,684	2,826	12,510	17,461
December, " ..	22,934	4,152	27,086	9,179	2,446	11,625	21,162
March, 1959 ..	21,334	3,313	24,647	8,136	2,368	10,504	14,760
Month of—							
January, 1959 ..	6,521	754	7,275	2,312	613	2,925	3,876
February, " ..	6,857	1,238	8,095	2,896	844	3,740	4,495
March, " ..	7,956	1,321	9,277	2,928	911	3,839	6,389

(a) Includes Papua and New Guinea. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on account of death or maturity, amounts paid on surrender of policy, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Excludes advances of premiums.

SECTION VIII.—PUBLIC FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—RECEIPTS.
(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue.	1955-56.	1956-57.	1957-58.	Nine Months ended March.	
				1958.	1959.
TAXATION—					
Customs	87,508	68,597	71,717	53,361	53,752
Excise	168,264	217,440	231,334	177,034	179,969
Sales Tax	110,001	125,752	137,777	102,726	106,273
Land Tax .. .. .	..	1	11	11	..
Income Taxes	573,988	620,298	650,419	295,208	280,356
Pay-roll Tax	45,543	48,675	48,552	36,502	36,970
Estate Duty	10,120	12,712	13,774	10,520	9,066
Gift Duty	1,820	1,940	2,205	1,498	1,425
Entertainments Tax	—1	..	..	..	..
Wheat Tax .. .. .	..	..	185	..	90
Wool Contributory Charge and Wool Tax	851	979	1,328	1,207	1,210
Wheat Export Charge	4,294	..	443	297	1,185
Other Export Charges	414	375	390	269	524
Stevedoring Industry Charge	973	1,926	3,337	2,325	3,409
Tobacco Industry Charge	5	41	61	44	58
Total, Taxation	1,003,780	1,098,736	1,161,533	681,002	674,288
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	79,341	90,074	96,776	71,341	75,564
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	2,545	2,887	2,821	2,205	2,289
Central Australia	1,937	1,390	1,554	1,172	1,118
North Australia	86	130	182	129	129
Australian Capital Territory	15	21	19	21	29
Total, Railways	4,583	4,428	4,576	3,527	3,565
Broadcasting and Television Services	3,897	5,301	6,876	4,871	6,109
Total, Business Undertakings	87,821	99,803	103,228	79,739	85,238
TERRITORIES	2,249	2,513	2,845	1,999	2,264
OTHER REVENUE—					
Coinage	199	693	223	200	100
Defence	3,820	3,763	5,776	4,167	3,525
Civil Aviation	1,159	1,262	1,472	609	647
Health	94	90	105	82	85
Attorney-General	408	452	516	365	407
Shipping and Transport	329	914	1,128	973	416
Net Profit on Note Issue	7,866	10,054	12,592	8,663	7,987
Other	30,633	93,555	29,353	19,147	12,568
Total	44,508	110,783	51,165	34,206	25,735
Grand Total	1,138,358	1,311,835	1,323,771	796,946	787,525
PER HEAD OF POPULATION	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation	107 15 0	115 4 8	119 3 8	70 5 7	69 9 8
Business Undertakings	9 8 7	10 9 4	11 2 1	8 4 7	8 13 2
Other	5 0 5	11 17 8	5 10 10	3 14 9	2 16 10
Total	122 4 0	137 11 8	135 16 7	82 4 11	79 19 8

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates excess of refunds.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—EXPENDITURE.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	1955-56.	1956-57.	1957-58.	Nine months ended March.	
				1958.	1959.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Services	79,806	88,140	96,263	73,448	75,579
Interest and Debt Redemption, n.e.i.(a) ..	8,799	9,827	11,548	(b) 53,791	(b) 54,865
Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve	61,613	194,793	104,378	..	..
Capital Works and Services, n.e.i. ..	61,107	62,655	72,074	51,606	53,920
National Welfare and Social Services(c) ..	214,866	223,923	247,485	181,681	206,574
Subsidies and Bounties	17,393	15,014	15,660	11,082	13,235
Defence Services	190,716	188,497	185,097	122,509	112,000
War and Repatriation Services—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(a) ..	59,813	58,524	51,882	(d)	(d)
War pensions	47,307	(e) 36,762	58,889	43,990	44,964
Other Services	17,367	17,010	17,153	11,221	11,738
Total, War and Repatriation Services	124,487	112,296	127,924	55,211	56,702
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General's Department—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(a) ..	2,323	2,034	1,812	(d)	(d)
Capital Works and Services	28,970	30,721	34,811	26,934	26,333
Other	83,304	89,163	95,140	71,222	73,381
Total, Postmaster-General's Department	114,597	121,918	131,763	98,156	99,714
Railways—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(a) ..	560	565	579	(d)	(d)
Capital Works and Services	2,674	3,423	2,545	1,659	498
Other	3,161	3,679	3,742	2,917	2,903
Total, Railways	6,395	7,667	6,866	4,576	3,401
Broadcasting and Television Services—					
Capital Works and Services	817	2,697	1,583	1,139	666
Other	5,590	6,701	7,334	6,743	7,654
Total, Broadcasting and Television Services	6,407	9,398	8,917	7,882	8,320
Total, Business Undertakings	127,399	138,983	147,546	110,614	111,435
Territories—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(a) ..	366	368	374	(d)	(d)
Capital Works and Services	8,049	8,027	11,749	7,944	10,490
Other—					
Northern Territory	3,195	3,729	4,406	3,166	3,410
Australian Capital Territory	2,385	2,783	3,075	2,299	2,686
Papua-New Guinea	8,615	9,573	11,374	8,019	7,471
Norfolk Island	30	37	33	22	19
Cocos Island	12	20	26	17	27
Total, Territories	22,652	24,537	31,037	21,467	24,103
Payments to or for the States—					
Interest on States' Debts	7,585	7,585	7,585	5,689	5,689
Redemption of States' Debts	4,310	4,640	5,065	3,784	4,098
Special Grants	18,500	18,500	19,500	14,712	15,907
Grants for Road Construction, etc., purposes	27,469	32,218	35,614	25,791	28,290
Tax Reimbursement Grants	141,573	154,622	165,820	99,513	104,760
States Grants—Special Assistance	15,348	19,405	24,145	15,740	18,288
Additional Assistance .. ..	..	..	5,000	..	..
Tuberculosis Act—Reimbursement of Capital Expenditure	1,758	2,381	2,142	1,353	951
Mental Institutions—Contributions to Capital Expenditure	773	1,248	1,256	651	512
Grants for Rail Standardization	283	290	749	(d)	(d)
Other	4,253	4,681	5,475	2,575	5,080
Total, Payments to or for the States	221,857	245,560	272,351	169,808	183,575
Other Expenditure	7,663	7,610	12,408	10,074	6,476
GRAND TOTAL	1,138,358	1,311,835	1,323,771	861,291	898,464
PER HEAD OF POPULATION	£ s. d. 122 4 0	£ s. d. 137 11 8	£ s. d. 135 16 7	£ s. d. 88 17 8	£ s. d. 91 5 0

(a) Includes exchange on interest payments. (b) Includes Interest and Debt Redemption for War and Repatriation Services, Business Undertakings and Territories for which quarterly figures are not available. (c) For expenditure on Social Services see page 86. (d) Not available (see Note (b)). (e) In addition £13,399,000 was spent from balance of War Pensions Trust Fund.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUND.
(£'000.)

Particulars.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.	1957-58.	Total to 30th June, 1958.
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services	..	..	..	..	..	372,990
Defence and War (1939-45) Services and Post-war Charges	4,199	4,039	7,622	8,019	8,703	1,657,072
Works and Services—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites ..	..	..	..	..	..	8,682
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works	..	..	..	..	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,694
Lighthouses, Works and Services ..	..	..	..	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department ..	..	Cr. 2	Cr. 1	Cr. 6	Cr. 3	40,518
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	102
War Service Homes(a) .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 5	..	Cr. 3	13,741
Territories(b)	Cr. 12	Cr. 4	Cr. 3	Cr. 3	Cr. 4	8,709
Other .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,109
Assistance to States—						
Housing	37,200	29,150	33,200	32,150	33,160	305,869
Other .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Emergency Wheat Storage .. ..	..	..	3,182	Cr. 60	Cr. 30	3,092
Loan (Qantas Empire Airways Limited) .. ..	..	..	..	3,899	3,311	7,210
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, etc.	37,187	29,143	36,373	35,980	36,431	426,381
International Bank Dollar Loans(c) ..	21,468	23,575	19,369	5,367	14,564	130,153
Swiss Loans(d)	5,792	5,930	..	..	..	11,722
Canadian Loan(e) .. ..	..	..	6,459	..	..	6,459
GRAND TOTAL	68,646	62,687	69,823	49,366	59,698	2,604,777

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. (b) Includes administration and other public buildings, Australian Capital Territory. (c) Paid to National Debt Sinking Fund. (d) Paid to Swiss Loan Trust Account. (e) Paid to Canadian Loan Trust Account.

**PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR DEFENCE, WAR (1939-45) AND
POST-WAR CHARGES, ETC.(a)**

Year and Month of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Sub- scribers.	Allocation of Proceeds.			Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			Commonwealth.		States.		
			Defence, War (1939-45) and Post-war Charges.	Advances to States for Housing.			
	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	
1954—March	35,000	24,980	..	65	52,000	3, 4½	(b) 1957, 1967
August	37,594	26,840	..	Cr. 7	46,505	..	(b) 1957, 1967
November	50,106	18,386	..	..	37,159	..	(c) 1957, 1968
1955—March	40,000	13,299	..	1	44,005	..	(d) 1957, 1968
August	35,000	23,630	..	4	39,627	..	(e) 1956, 1965, 1970
November	30,000	11,653	..	17	28,032	..	(e) 1956, 1965, 1970
1956—May	30,000	20,729	..	34	33,000	3½, 5	(f) 1957, (f) 1963
August	30,000	14,869	..	23	31,432	..	(e) 1957, (e) 1963, 1976
October	29,184	9,230	..	5	30,092	4, 5	(f) 1958, 1965, 1976
1957—March	35,000	15,087	..	32	36,270	4, 5	1958, 1965, 1976
August	30,000	17,944	..	28	31,400	4, 5	(d) 1959, 1965, 1976
November	30,000	10,550	..	10	32,550	4, 5	(g) 1960, 1967, 1973
1958—April	35,000	13,594	..	9	39,241	4, 4½, 5	(h) 1961, (g) 1967, 1973
October(i)	30,000	10,320	..	3	36,796	4, 4½, 5	(e) 1960, (d) 1967, 1974
1959—February	25,000	3,391	..	1	60,192	4, 4½, 5	1961

(a) Excludes redemption and conversion loans. (b) Price of issue: £98 10s. (c) Price of issue: £99 15s. (d) Price of issue: £99 5s. (e) Price of issue: £99 17s. 6d. (f) Price of issue: £99 10s. (g) Price of issue: £99. (h) Price of issue: £98 17s. 6d. (i) In addition to this loan, subscriptions were invited to special Bonds open for continuous subscription and the cash proceeds to the 24th April, 1959, totalled £22,037,000. These bonds are redeemable at any time after 1st July, 1959 at prices commencing at par and increasing to a premium of £3 per cent. if the bonds are held to maturity 1st January, 1966. Interest is 4 per cent. for approximately the first two years, 4½ per cent. for the next two years and 5 per cent. for the next three years. The maximum holding for each person is £5,000.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 30th June, 1958, see page 85.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION,
INDIVIDUALS—1957-58.(a)

Grade of Actual Income and State or Territory of Assessment.	Number of Tax- payers.	Actual Income.	Taxable Income.				Net Income Tax and Social Services Contri- bution Assessed.
			Personal Exertion.		Property.	Total.	
			Salary and Wages.	Other.			
£	£	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
105- 199 ..	153,674	23,726	19,011	1,965	1,787	22,763	192
200- 299 ..	191,438	48,082	37,020	4,751	2,946	44,717	828
300- 399 ..	232,726	81,685	62,274	8,315	3,761	74,350	2,323
400- 499 ..	262,023	117,929	87,210	12,707	5,625	105,542	4,540
500- 599 ..	311,057	171,031	128,086	17,176	6,117	151,379	8,233
600- 699 ..	295,767	191,965	137,232	20,923	6,208	164,363	10,376
700- 799 ..	332,640	250,299	173,195	23,980	6,473	203,648	14,207
800- 899 ..	396,438	337,405	232,969	26,569	6,542	266,080	20,317
900- 999 ..	383,557	363,938	246,070	27,323	6,721	280,114	23,162
1,000-1,099 ..	313,847	328,662	218,050	27,134	6,637	251,821	22,607
1,100-1,199 ..	230,074	263,937	170,273	26,083	6,183	202,539	19,673
1,200-1,299 ..	167,944	209,484	130,752	24,566	5,618	160,936	16,777
1,300-1,399 ..	124,992	168,212	100,867	23,411	5,296	129,574	14,401
1,400-1,499 ..	89,650	129,713	73,794	21,801	4,816	100,411	11,874
1,500-1,999 ..	211,992	359,944	173,537	90,363	20,157	234,057	38,724
2,000-2,999 ..	113,643	271,255	81,065	117,624	26,739	225,428	40,897
3,000-3,999 ..	38,205	130,947	26,729	69,392	17,317	113,438	26,869
4,000-4,999 ..	18,037	80,128	13,461	45,187	12,242	70,890	20,084
5,000-9,999 ..	22,772	150,667	21,827	86,321	23,205	136,353	50,833
10,000-14,999 ..	3,643	43,627	4,733	26,437	8,938	40,108	19,101
15,000 and over	1,955	45,370	3,551	26,872	10,989	41,412	23,097
Total Residents ..	3,896,074	3,768,006	2,141,706	728,900	199,317	3,069,923	389,115
Central Office ..	13,657	44,024	6,808	17,850	14,253	38,911	13,894
New South Wales ..	1,461,658	1,436,580	855,524	245,651	69,430	1,170,605	147,861
Victoria ..	1,129,313	1,084,447	631,528	198,368	62,072	891,968	109,397
Queensland ..	523,258	484,379	249,532	113,379	19,121	387,032	50,770
South Australia ..	361,383	344,488	185,305	78,597	18,613	282,515	33,675
Western Australia ..	258,689	234,013	129,845	46,743	10,309	186,897	20,837
Tasmania ..	123,954	113,781	65,812	20,618	4,775	91,205	9,996
Northern Territory ..	6,768	7,805	4,766	935	114	5,815	727
Australian Capital Territory	17,394	18,489	12,586	1,759	630	14,975	1,958
Total Residents ..	3,896,074	3,768,006	2,141,706	728,900	199,317	3,069,923	389,115
Total Non-Residents	5,020	6,890	737	930	4,774	6,441	1,481
Grand Total ..	3,901,094	3,774,896	2,142,443	729,830	204,092	3,076,364	390,596

(a) Assessed on income for year 1956-57.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.

Resident and Non-Resident Companies, 1957-58.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income and State or Territory of Assessment.	Number of Taxpayers.	Actual Income.	Taxable Income.	Net Tax Assessed.(b)
£ £		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1- 999	11,437	5,307	3,947	889
1,000- 4,999	12,662	36,848	33,564	7,413
5,000- 9,999	5,465	40,337	37,957	9,309
10,000- 19,999	3,266	47,598	45,534	12,551
20,000- 49,999	2,401	77,160	74,667	22,038
50,000- 99,999	974	70,346	68,123	20,774
100,000-199,999	565	81,007	78,718	24,709
200,000-499,999	323	98,616	96,003	28,914
500,000-999,999	80	58,059	55,795	18,571
1,000,000 and over	78	237,431	208,626	67,539
Total	37,251	752,709	702,934	212,707
Central Office	3,124	381,141	343,415	110,082
New South Wales	15,345	155,868	151,598	42,940
Victoria	10,338	110,958	108,116	29,962
Queensland	2,488	35,719	34,321	10,945
South Australia	3,484	36,071	35,069	9,557
Western Australia	1,425	21,645	19,409	5,989
Tasmania	756	9,111	8,941	2,803
Northern Territory	58	445	442	118
Australian Capital Territory	233	1,751	1,623	311
Total	37,251	752,709	702,934	212,707

(a) Assessed on income for year 1956-57.
income of private companies £2,512,000.

(b) Excludes additional tax levied on the undistributed

Commonwealth Gift Duty, 1957-58.

Grade of Value of Gift as Assessed.	Number of Assessments.(a)	Value as Assessed.	Net Duty Assessed.
£ £		£'000.	£'000.
1 - 999	656	238	8
1,000 - 1,999	252	345	12
2,000 - 2,999	1,011	2,492	73
3,000 - 3,999	813	2,742	85
4,000 - 4,999	583	2,575	78
5,000 - 9,999	1,488	10,310	321
10,000 - 19,999	901	11,308	467
20,000 - 49,999	322	8,883	727
50,000 and over	29	2,071	364
Total	6,055	40,964	2,135

(a) Number of Assessments issued during 1957-58.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1957-58.

Grade of Value of Estate.					Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Assessed.
£	£			*		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1,000- 1,999	..	..	..	..	64	105	32	1
2,000- 2,999	..	..	..	..	696	2,251	265	8
3,000- 3,999	..	..	..	..	993	4,112	1,049	31
4,000- 4,999	..	..	..	..	711	3,766	1,481	45
5,000- 9,999	..	..	..	..	5,435	43,213	18,373	545
10,000-19,999	..	..	..	..	3,291	53,702	41,007	1,678
20,000-49,999	..	..	..	..	1,977	70,560	58,460	4,789
50,000 and over	..	..	..	..	432	49,601	36,444	6,870
Total	..	..	..	..	13,599	227,310	157,111	13,967

(a) Estate Duty assessments issued during year 1957-58.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.

NOTE.—An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account.

Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable.—Australia.

(£'000.)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Sales.										Sales Tax Payable.
		8½ per cent.	10 per cent.	12½ per cent.	16½ per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	33½ per cent.	50 per cent.	Total.	
1953-54 ..	2,154,269	..	..	483,736	176,136	24,265	..	..	3,007	802	687,946	96,079
1954-55 ..	2,466,282	..	140,620	421,607	204,713	..	..	..	..	..	766,940	101,427
1955-56 ..	2,655,639	..	159,157	405,029	185,102	..	15,431	34,055	..	..	798,774	111,469
1956-57 ..	2,798,078	..	148,874	336,963	107,605	..	72,715	115,093	..	..	781,250	127,649
1957-58 ..	2,955,035	135,251	26,395	358,705	111,636	..	86,064	131,296	..	..	849,347	138,259
Quarter—1957—												
Dec. ..	788,373	49,107	..	103,736	29,114	..	23,908	34,616	..	..	240,481	33,273
Mar. ..	697,096	36,921	..	85,162	27,472	..	19,201	31,603	..	..	200,359	32,582
June ..	744,109	37,774	..	82,611	27,909	..	21,378	34,740	..	..	204,412	33,892
Sept. ..	764,250	42,612	..	94,568	27,946	..	22,963	35,105	..	..	223,194	36,302
Dec. ..	823,445	51,297	..	111,444	29,985	..	24,218	36,361	..	..	253,305	40,165
Month—1958—												
Oct. ..	273,768	16,202	..	36,634	10,522	..	7,849	12,846	..	..	84,053	13,499
Nov. ..	274,731	16,802	..	36,040	9,865	..	7,558	12,125	..	..	82,390	13,076
Dec. ..	274,946	18,293	..	38,770	9,598	..	8,811	11,390	..	..	86,862	13,590

STATE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£'000.)

Item and Year.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
REVENUE.							
1957-58.							
Taxation(b)	34,736	28,387	10,879	9,772	(c) 5,549	3,653	92,076
Railways	(d) 74,432	35,948	34,135	(d) 13,648	12,849	..	171,012
Tramways and Omnibuses	13,821	..	..	..	984	..	14,805
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,900	7,827	..	7,130	3,918	..	21,775
Land	5,310	3,117	4,619	546	1,258	463	15,313
Interest n.e.i.	1,394	5,075	2,554	5,094	2,436	3,622	20,175
Commonwealth Grants(e)	76,152	53,590	32,216	(f) 24,753	(f) 25,903	(f) 10,776	223,390
Commonwealth National Welfare Fund Payments	5,316	1,313	4	725	454	273	8,085
All other sources	17,449	7,079	3,548	4,674	3,703	1,199	37,652
Total Revenue 1957-58	231,510	142,336	87,955	66,342	57,054	(g) 19,986	605,183
Total Revenue per head	£ s. d. 63 5 8	£ s. d. 51 16 9	£ s. d. 62 13 7	£ s. d. 74 17 7	£ s. d. 81 13 6	£ s. d. 59 16 5	£ s. d. 62 5 3
1956-57	223,829	133,254	85,158	61,561	54,331	(g) 18,801	576,934
1955-56	204,399	123,152	75,669	55,352	49,612	(g) 17,827	526,011
1954-55	195,438	116,789	73,820	48,684	46,070	(g) 14,495	495,296
1953-54	188,692	106,748	69,696	48,376	43,596	(g) 13,285	470,393
1952-53	182,848	96,995	63,171	44,251	38,725	(g) 12,061	438,051

EXPENDITURE.

1957-58.							
Interest and Charges on Public Debt	23,571	23,919	13,436	14,596	10,066	6,535	97,123
Railways	67,584	35,932	35,757	14,944	15,904	..	170,121
Tramways and Omnibuses	13,720	..	..	..	1,242	..	14,962
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,126	4,822	765	5,243	4,243	(h) 1,537	18,736
Education	41,173	28,680	12,339	9,128	9,020	4,362	104,702
Hospitals	23,070	18,093	8,696	5,307	5,078	1,877	62,121
Other Charities	4,249	4,944	2,521	1,012	1,464	766	14,956
All Other Expenditure	(d) 50,971	29,159	15,956	(d) 11,612	(d) 11,160	(i) 5,721	129,479
Total Expenditure 1957-58	231,464	145,549	89,470	66,742	58,177	(g) 20,798	612,200
Total Expenditure per head	£ s. d. 63 5 5	£ s. d. 53 15 3	£ s. d. 63 15 2	£ s. d. 75 6 7	£ s. d. 83 5 8	£ s. d. 62 5 0	£ s. d. 63 3 11
1956-57	223,700	137,565	85,142	61,610	56,243	(g) 19,615	583,875
1955-56	211,232	126,398	77,392	56,782	51,443	(g) 17,712	540,959
1954-55	197,586	115,453	73,602	50,918	46,554	(g) 14,707	498,820
1953-54	188,564	106,037	69,353	46,566	43,699	(g) 13,270	467,489
1952-53	182,751	97,360	62,980	44,226	39,233	(g) 11,763	438,313

(a) In addition to Consolidated Revenue Fund, includes Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the Annual Budget Papers. To avoid duplication within the combined accounts, the following deductions have been made from expenditure—(i) £7,915,000 on account of debt charges not recouped to Consolidated Revenue Fund from Business Undertakings and (ii) £450,000 for contributions from Consolidated Revenue Fund towards losses on Tramways and Omnibus services. (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State 1957-58, see p. 84. (c) Gross collections. (d) To avoid duplication the following Treasury Transfers to Railway revenue have been excluded—New South Wales, £1,000,000; South Australia £4,300,000. (e) Includes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (f) Includes balance of Special Grant for 1955-56—South Australia, +£342,000; Western Australia, +£322,000; Tasmania, -£816,000. (g) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of the Transport Commission. (h) Losses of Transport Commission and contribution to Metropolitan Transport Trust. (i) Includes reduction of previous years' deficits; South Australia, £842,000; Western Australia, £322,000; Tasmania, -£816,000.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR, 1957-58. (£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways ..	12,263	7,012	4,472	1,868	2,124	Cr. 49	27,690
Tramways and Omnibuses ..	1,154			680	20	100	1,914
Roads and Bridges ..	150	1,545	Cr. 667	15	..		
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, etc. ..	2,708	283	19	1,095	699	515	6,362
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	4,057	6,923	Cr. 4,557	4,922	3,124	127	14,596
Electricity Supply ..	10,229	3,200	..	2,960	1,240	5,985	23,614
Gas Supply ..	..	150	..	..	..	..	150
Public Buildings ..	14,887	15,229	3,647	5,962	2,945	2,400	45,061
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 17	Cr. 2	..	..	..	..	Cr. 19
Housing ..	Cr. 165	330	1,593	1,913	1,150	107	4,928
Other(b) ..	379	583	10,354	63	955	493	12,827
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement(c) ..	1,343	1,728	404	59	..	Cr. 13	3,521
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	5,513	..	2,333	1,047	724	..	9,617
Other ..	109	584	2,424	602	790	264	4,773
Other purposes ..	..	865	..	566	405	115	1,951
Total Works, etc. ..	52,610	38,421	20,022	21,752	14,136	10,044	156,985
Per Head ..	£ s. d. 14 7 7	£ s. d. 14 3 10	£ s. d. 14 5 4	£ s. d. 24 11 0	£ s. d. 20 4 9	£ s. d. 30 1 3	£ s. d. 16 4 1
Non-Works—							
Revenue, etc., Deficits ..	..	4,315	..	..	1,509	701	6,525
Other(d) ..	Cr. 986	Cr. 351	Cr. 590	..	Cr. 201	88	Cr. 2,040
Grand Total ..	51,624	42,385	19,432	21,752	15,444	10,833	161,470

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1958. (£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(e)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways ..	284,555	149,103	116,133	59,198	63,297	14,684	686,970
Tramways and Omnibuses ..	21,339	..	..	8,784	1,926	544	32,593
Roads and Bridges ..	22,141	22,729	8,998	4,992	3,183	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, etc. ..	39,426	3,907	4,122	16,055	15,710	13,027	154,290
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	59,083	108,383	8,734	66,220	35,758	2,205	280,383
Electricity Supply ..	118,989	50,689	..	45,570	18,847	71,350	305,445
Gas Supply ..	..	12,039	..	..	..	..	12,039
Public Buildings ..	114,620	103,519	33,260	30,458	21,865	17,424	321,146
Unemployment Relief ..	15,924	13,147	..	..	..	..	29,071
Housing ..	8,278	10,716	11,411	38,524	10,064	14,693	93,686
Other(b) ..	15,870	7,397	64,920	2,896	4,481	5,593	101,157
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement(c) ..	44,253	99,738	11,297	9,758	13,205	2,573	180,824
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	64,712	..	14,710	16,045	8,420	..	103,887
Other ..	18,976	21,744	30,059	17,051	15,812	3,235	106,877
Other purposes ..	189	12,260	..	5,946	23,052	2,648	44,095
Total Works, etc. ..	828,355	615,371	303,644	321,497	235,620	147,976	2,452,463
Non-Works—							
Revenue, etc., Deficits ..	38,948	23,015	5,826	8,683	14,306	4,717	95,495
Other(d) ..	29,594	11,629	15,580	4,495	7,526	2,226	71,050
Grand Total ..	896,897	650,015	325,050	334,675	257,452	154,919	2,619,008

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds, from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes loans to Local Bodies, etc. (c) Includes Advances to Settlers and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, etc. (e) Aggregate gross loan expenditure.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1958.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (b)	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (c)
New South Wales ..	667,470	107,956	12,036	787,462	26,335	3,994	477	30,806
Victoria ..	475,104	38,572	4,537	518,213	19,267	1,276	191	20,734
Queensland ..	237,958	43,270	4,719	285,947	9,216	1,436	184	10,836
South Australia ..	261,108	30,961	2,752	294,821	10,495	995	118	11,608
Western Australia ..	187,373	29,530	1,525	218,428	7,371	902	65	8,338
Tasmania ..	135,941	6,466	654	143,061	5,504	218	50	5,752
Total ..	1,964,954	256,755	26,223	2,247,932	78,188	8,821	1,065	88,074

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State public debt leaving out of account differences in currency. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Six States.	Common- wealth.	Grand Total. (b)
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1958.									
Revenue—									
Commonwealth Grants ..	45,129	32,100	18,923	15,590	17,109	6,801	135,652	..	..
Taxation ..	24,714	18,127	8,368	7,451	3,952	2,657	65,269	681,004	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways ..	55,049	26,741	25,892	10,567	9,445	..	127,694	3,527	..
Other ..	12,723	859	..	5,974	3,486	..	22,542	76,212	..
Other ..	18,143	10,588	6,852	7,079	5,463	3,689	51,814	36,203	..
Total ..	155,758	87,915	60,035	46,661	39,455	13,147	402,971	796,946	1,051,924
Expenditure—									
Grants to States(c)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	169,808	..
Debt Services ..	17,972	15,912	9,172	9,434	7,460	4,167	64,117	53,791	..
Business Undertakings(d)—									
Railways ..	53,724	27,692	26,556	11,388	12,199 (e)	704	132,263	2,917	..
Other ..	11,732	513	..	3,919	3,164 (f)	120	19,498	77,965	..
Other ..	78,152	56,272	29,261	22,356	20,337	9,462	215,840	556,810	..
Total ..	161,630	100,389	64,989	47,097	43,160	14,453	431,718	861,291	1,145,016
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—)	—5,872	—12,474	—4,954	—436	—3,705	—1,306	—28,747	—64,345	—93,092

NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1959.

Revenue—									
Commonwealth Grants ..	47,856	34,356	21,059	15,942	18,736	7,876	136,105	..	..
Taxation ..	26,117	18,213	8,438	7,674	3,933	2,873	76,968	674,288	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways ..	55,947	27,657	26,406	9,448	9,412	..	128,870	3,565	..
Other ..	12,101	282	..	6,254	3,647	..	22,284	81,673	..
Other ..	18,357	10,416	12,609	7,726	5,870	3,931	58,909	27,999	..
Total ..	160,378	90,924	68,512	47,044	41,598	14,080	423,136	787,525	1,052,952
Expenditure—									
Grants to States(c)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	183,575	..
Debt Services ..	19,762	17,822	9,940	10,624	8,068	4,570	70,786	54,865	..
Business Undertakings(d)—									
Railways ..	52,066	27,057	26,282	7,210	12,010 (e)	485	125,110	2,903	..
Other ..	11,535	447	..	3,559	3,224 (f)	140	18,905	81,035	..
Other ..	85,033	60,909	38,187	27,629	23,072	11,057	245,887	576,086	..
Total ..	168,396	106,235	74,409	49,022	46,374	16,252	460,688	898,464	1,201,443
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—)	—8,018	—15,311	—5,897	—1,978	—4,776	—1,572	—37,552	—110,939	—148,491

(a) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—Included in the Annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated. (c) Includes payments to State trust funds. (d) Excludes interest, etc., charges. (e) Loss by Transport Commission. (f) Contribution towards working expenses of Metropolitan Transport Commission.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(£'000.)

Nine months ended March—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total Six States.	Common- wealth. (a)	Grand Total.
1958	36,781	24,522	14,711	12,373	10,388	5,766	104,541	24,962	129,503
1959	36,045	24,655	13,009	14,154	10,880	6,655	105,398	27,114	132,512

(a) Excludes payment to National Debt Sinking Fund on account of the International Bank Dollar Loans, payment to Swiss Loan Trust Account on account of Swiss Loans and payment to Canadian Loan Trust Account on account of Canadian Loan.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1957-58.(a)
(£'000.)

State, etc.	Income Taxes.	Customs and Excise.	Land Tax	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.l.).	Motor Taxes.	Enter-tainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	25	..	6,002	10,756	11,387	12,981	2,953	4,448	48,552
Victoria ..	3	..	4,607	8,065	6,253	11,367	3,910	5,906	40,111
Queensland ..	2	..	1,468	3,188	3,295	5,963	328	3,177	17,371
South Australia ..	1	..	1,390	2,059	1,514	3,760	1,113	336	10,173
Western Australia ..	2	..	1,522	1,090	1,416	2,225	1,004	502	7,761
Tasmania ..	..	..	407	572	662	1,224	544	677	4,086
Total States ..	33	..	15,396	25,680	24,527	37,520	9,852	15,046	128,054
Commonwealth ..	650,419	303,051	11	13,774	..	..	..	6 194,273	1,161,533
Grand Total ..	650,452	303,051	15,407	39,454	24,527	37,520	9,852	209,324	1,289,587

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
(£ s. d.)

New South Wales ..	0 0 1	..	1 12 10	2 18 10	3 2 3	3 11 0	0 16 1	1 4 4	13 5 5
Victoria ..	..	..	1 14 0	2 19 7	2 6 2	4 4 0	1 8 11	2 3 8	14 16 4
Queensland ..	..	..	1 0 11	2 4 9	2 7 0	4 5 0	0 4 8	2 5 3	12 7 7
South Australia ..	..	..	1 11 5	2 6 6	1 14 2	4 4 11	1 5 1	0 7 7	11 9 8
Western Australia ..	0 0 1	..	2 3 7	1 11 3	2 0 7	3 3 8	1 8 9	0 14 4	11 2 3
Tasmania ..	..	..	1 4 5	1 14 3	1 19 7	3 13 3	1 12 7	2 0 6	12 4 7
Total States ..	0 0 1	..	1 11 9	2 13 0	2 10 7	3 17 5	1 0 4	1 11 2	13 4 4
Commonwealth ..	66 14 9	31 1 11	..	1 8 8	..	..	..	19 18 9	119 3 8
Grand Total ..	66 14 10	31 1 11	1 11 7	4 1 0	2 10 4	3 17 0	1 0 3	21 9 7	132 6 6

(a) Includes taxes paid to special funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 75 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Includes Sales Tax £137,777,000, £14 2s. 8d. per head of population; and Pay-roll Tax, £48,552,000, £4 19s. 8d. per head of population.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.
(£'000.)

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Income Taxes.	Customs and Excise.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
1953-54 ..	523,181	220,217	95,689	56,363	900,450	80,400	980,850
1954-55 ..	532,916	244,403	100,446	59,843	937,608	89,486	1,027,094
1955-56 ..	573,988	255,772	110,001	64,019	1,003,780	98,001	1,101,781
1956-57 ..	620,298	236,037	125,752	66,649	1,098,736	114,535	1,213,271
1957-58 ..	650,419	303,051	137,777	70,286	1,161,533	128,054	1,289,587

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
(£ s. d.)

1953-54 ..	59 6 11	24 14 10	10 15 0	6 6 8	101 3 5	9 1 7	110 4 1
1954-55 ..	58 12 6	26 17 9	11 1 0	6 11 8	103 2 11	9 17 11	112 19 10
1955-56 ..	61 12 4	27 9 1	11 16 2	6 17 5	107 15 0	10 11 7	118 5 6
1956-57 ..	65 1 1	30 0 0	13 3 9	6 19 10	115 4 8	12 1 8	127 4 11
1957-58 ..	66 14 9	31 1 11	14 2 8	7 4 4	119 3 8	13 4 4	132 6 6

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1957-58.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth Tax Reimbursement ..	61,721	43,996	25,919	15,259	13,061	5,864	165,820
State Tax Collections ..	48,552	40,111	17,371	10,173	7,761	4,086	128,054
Total ..	110,273	84,107	43,290	25,432	20,822	9,950	293,874
Per head of population	£ s. d. 30 2 10	£ s. d. 31 1 4	£ s. d. 30 17 0	£ s. d. 28 14 1	£ s. d. 29 16 2	£ s. d. 29 15 7	£ s. d. 30 6 8

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable or payable.	At 30th June—				At 31st December. 1958.
		1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	
TOTAL DEBT. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth—						
War (1914-18)	Australia £A.	126,545	122,346	112,606	97,140	95,256
	London £Stg.(a)	7,534	7,534	7,534	7,534	7,534
War (1939-45)	Australia £A.	1,439,107	1,399,347	1,334,093	1,190,558	1,112,429
	London £Stg.	5,725	5,725	5,725	5,655	5,655
Works, etc. ..	Australia £A.	232,797	268,287	299,297	301,506	488,988
	London £Stg.	49,036	48,796	48,711	48,476	50,906
	New York £(b)	50,722	59,199	62,145	68,849	72,798
	Switzerland £(c)	12,251	12,251	12,251	12,251	12,251
	Canada £(b) ..	..	3,082	3,069	2,907	2,892
Total ..	Australia £A.	1,798,449	1,789,980	1,745,906	1,589,204	1,646,653
	London £Stg.	62,295	62,055	61,970	61,665	64,095
	New York £(b)	50,722	59,199	62,145	68,849	72,798
	Switzerland £(c)	12,251	12,251	12,251	12,251	12,251
	Canada £(b) ..	..	3,082	3,069	2,907	2,892
Total(d) ..	..	1,923,717	1,926,567	1,885,431	1,734,876	1,798,689
State ..	Australia £A.	1,515,483	1,651,242	1,822,442	1,964,954	2,012,007
	London £Stg.	288,724	288,449	261,621	256,755	268,713
	New York £(b)	21,520	22,336	22,414	26,223	30,317
Total(d) ..	..	1,825,727	1,962,027	2,106,477	2,247,932	2,311,037
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	3,313,932	3,441,222	3,568,438	3,554,158	3,658,660
	London £Stg.	351,019	350,504	323,591	318,420	332,807
	New York £(b)	72,242	81,535	84,559	95,072	103,116
	Switzerland £(c)	12,251	12,251	12,251	12,251	12,251
	Canada £(b) ..	..	3,082	3,069	2,907	2,892
Total(d) ..	..	3,749,444	3,888,594	3,991,908	3,982,808	4,109,726

DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
(£ s. d.)

Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	360 3 8	365 0 4	370 1 1	360 19 0	369 13 10
	London £Stg.	38 3 0	37 3 7	33 11 2	32 6 9	32 12 7
	New York £(b)	7 17 0	8 13 0	8 15 4	9 13 1	10 8 5
	Switzerland £(c)	1 6 8	1 6 0	1 5 5	1 4 11	1 4 9
	Canada £(b) ..	..	0 6 7	0 6 4	0 5 11	0 5 10
Total(d) ..	..	407 10 4	412 9 6	413 19 4	404 9 8	415 5 5

ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.
(£'000.)

Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A.	104,840	111,840	121,703	125,321	128,062
	London £Stg.(a)	11,363	11,387	10,693	11,014	11,322
	New York £(b)	2,937	3,420	3,633	4,143	4,538
	Switzerland £(c)	475	475	475	475	475
	Canada £(b) ..	..	116	123	116	119
Total(e) ..	..	119,615	127,238	136,627	141,069	145,016

AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST PAYABLE PER CENT.
(£ s. d.)

Commonwealth and State ..	Australia ..	3 3 3	3 5 0	3 8 3	3 10 7	3 10 1
	London(a) ..	3 4 9	3 5 0	3 6 1	3 9 2	3 11 0
	New York ..	4 1 4	4 3 11	4 5 11	4 7 2	4 8 0
	Switzerland ..	3 17 6	3 17 6	3 17 6	3 17 6	3 17 6
	Canada ..	..	3 15 0	4 0 0	4 0 0	4 2 5
Total ..	..	3 3 10	3 5 5	3 8 6	3 10 10	3 10 8

(a) Excludes debt (£79,724,000) and interest payable (£3,920,000) due to United Kingdom Government under the Funding Arrangements Act 1921. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government. (b) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (c) Payable in Swiss francs converted on the basis of 9.79512 fr. to £1. (d) The total "face" or "book" values of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States, without adjustment on account of differences in currency (see note (b)). (e) Nominal amount, taking no account of exchange.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)
(£'000.)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—					At 31st March.
		1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958	
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A. ..	190,000	160,000	165,000	150,000	140,000	239,000
	London £Stg. ..	470	220	..	..	..	..
State ..	Australia £A. ..	..	..	..	..	..	4,250
	London £Stg. ..	22,868	26,068	26,068	..	..	..
Total ..	Australia £A. ..	190,000	160,000	165,000	150,000	140,000	243,250
	London £Stg. ..	23,338	26,288	26,068	..	..	..

(a) Included above; excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

SECTION IX.—SOCIAL STATISTICS.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.(a)

(£'000.)

Service.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.	1957-58.
Social Services—					
Age and Invalid Pensions	81,293	88,006	101,625	109,210	121,577
Child Endowment	50,761	52,530	60,381	57,037	58,734
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service ..	429	451	505	568	608
Funeral Benefits	288	304	319	341	325
Maternity Allowances	3,226	3,362	3,410	3,482	3,560
Unemployment, Sickness and Special Benefits	4,543	2,640	2,563	4,000	7,331
Widows' Pensions	6,626	6,862	7,723	8,862	9,832
National Health Services—					
Hospital Benefits	8,330	9,321	9,553	9,813	10,823
Medical Benefits	1,434	4,210	5,413	6,146	7,086
Medical Benefits for Pensioners	2,115	2,516	2,874	2,999	3,198
Mental Institution Benefits	495	225	..	..	..
Nutrition of Children	1,999	2,237	2,405	2,607	2,756
Pharmaceutical Benefits	8,219	9,445	10,380	9,924	12,911
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners ..	1,011	1,295	1,508	1,793	2,123
Tuberculosis Campaign	5,580	5,657	5,697	6,216	5,766
Miscellaneous	216	258	510	925	855
Total	176,565	189,319	214,866	223,923	247,485

(a) Includes only expenditure from the National Welfare Fund. Administration and capital expenditure are excluded.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS.

State and Year.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.		Pensions Paid during Year ended 30th June.(a)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Total. (b)	Age.	Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per Head of Pop'n.
1958—						£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000	£ s. d.
New South Wales ..	205,910	28,793	234,703	558	78	8 8 3 8 13 10	50,353	13 15 3	
Victoria ..	123,536	20,019	143,555	451	73	8 5 8 8 8 7	29,796	11 0 1	
Queensland ..	72,804	14,230	87,034	514	100	8 6 2 8 12 5	18,343	13 1 6	
South Australia ..	45,507	5,862	51,369	507	65	8 6 9 8 11 8	10,716	12 1 11	
Western Australia ..	33,124	5,519	38,643	470	78	8 5 11 8 9 5	8,077	11 11 3	
Tasmania ..	15,114	2,833	17,947	451	86	8 6 1 8 15 6	4,034	12 1 6	
Northern Territory	161	53	214	82	27	8 6 8 19 8	45	2 7 4	
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	601	92	693	146	22	8 4 8 8 11 4	147	3 14 11	
Abroad ..	(c)	(c)	(c)	..	..	..	66	..	
Australia ..	496,757	77,451	574,208	505	79	8 6 11 8 11 9	121,577	12 9 7	
1957 ..	465,781	88,236	554,017	483	92	7 12 10 7 17 8	109,210	11 9 1	
1956 ..	446,207	82,775	528,982	473	89	7 13 7 16 10	101,625	10 18 2	
1955 ..	425,556	78,498	504,054	463	85	6 14 7 6 17 7	89,006	9 13 8	
1954 ..	397,784	73,732	471,516	443	82	6 14 2 6 16 10	81,293	9 2 8	

(a) Includes amounts paid to benevolent homes for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these homes and allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (b) Excludes the following numbers of age and invalid pensioners in benevolent homes: 1954, 6,463; 1955, 6,132; 1956, 6,244. 1957 and 1958 figures include persons in benevolent homes. (c) Included in figures for State in which pensioner is permanently domiciled.

NOTE: Age pensions are payable to women over 60 years of age and to men over 65 years of age; invalid pensions are payable to persons who are permanently incapacitated for work or who are permanently blind. The maximum weekly rate of pension at the 30th June, 1954 and 1955, was £3 10s.; 1956, £4; 1957, £4, 1958, £4 7s. 6d. An allowance is also payable for the wife and children of an invalid pensioner. Age and invalid pensions (except those paid to blind persons) are subject to a means test on income and property.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT.

State and Year.	Endowed Families at 30th June.		Number per 10,000 of Population.		Amount paid during Year ended 30th June.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children. (a)	Amount.	Per Head of Population.
1958—					£'000.	£ s. d.
New South Wales	531,556	1,111,199	1,441	3,012	21,219	5 16 0
Victoria ..	383,926	818,258	1,400	2,985	15,719	5 16 1
Queensland ..	204,503	466,846	1,443	3,294	9,117	6 10 0
South Australia ..	132,079	286,358	1,473	3,193	5,430	6 2 7
Western Australia	104,472	234,265	1,481	3,322	4,572	6 10 11
Tasmania ..	49,812	114,832	1,485	3,424	2,237	6 13 11
Northern Territory	3,043	6,658	1,554	3,401	180	9 9 2
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	5,818	12,923	1,413	3,139	248	6 6 3
Abroad ..	169	360	..	..	12	..
Australia ..	1,415,378	3,051,699	1,437	3,099	58,734	6 0 7
1957	1,378,169	2,957,046	1,429	3,066	57,037	5 19 8
1956	1,339,807	2,854,524	1,421	3,028	60,381	6 9 8
1955	1,304,227	2,764,167	1,418	3,004	52,530	5 15 7
1954	1,280,439	2,689,577	1,425	2,993	50,761	5 14 1

(a) Excludes endowed children in institutions at 30th June, 1958, 22,246 in 415 institutions; 1957, 21,145 in 397 institutions; 1956, 21,140 in 392 institutions; 1955, 24,394 in 392 institutions; 1954, 27,397 in 387 institutions.

NOTE: The weekly rates of endowment are: 5s. for the first child in a family; 10s. for each other child in a family; 10s. for each child in an institution.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

State and Year.	Pensions Current at 30th June.(a)				Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.	Pensions paid during Year ended 30th June.	
	Class "A" Pensioners.(b)	Other Widows. (c)	All Widows.	Per 10,000 of Population.		Amount.	Per Head of Population.
1958—					£ s. d.	£'000.	£ s. d.
New South Wales	8,106	10,487	18,593	50	8 10 4	3,901	1 1 5
Victoria ..	4,931	6,321	11,252	41	8 6 3	2,331	17 3
Queensland ..	3,882	3,902	7,784	55	8 12 1	1,676	1 3 11
South Australia ..	1,809	2,257	4,066	45	8 7 11	844	19 0
Western Australia	1,365	2,177	3,542	50	8 2 7	708	1 0 3
Tasmania ..	817	764	1,581	47	8 12 6	339	1 0 3
Northern Territory	17	14	31	16	9 4 1	6	6 11
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	43	36	79	19	8 11 9	19	9 10
Abroad ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	..	..	8	..
Australia ..	20,970	25,958	46,928	48	8 9 0	9,832	1 0 2
1957	20,648	24,768	45,416	47	7 15 1	8,862	18 7
1956	19,511	23,419	42,930	46	7 7 6	7,723	16 7
1955	18,683	22,864	41,547	45	6 8 2	6,862	15 1
1954	18,100	22,626	40,726	45	6 6 8	6,626	14 11

(a) Excludes the following numbers of pensioners in benevolent homes: 1954, 16; 1955, 14; 1956, 17. 1957 and 1958 figures include persons in benevolent homes. (b) A widow who has at least one child under 16. The maximum weekly rate of pension at the 30th June, 1954 and 1955 was £3 15s.; 1956, £4 5s.; 1957, £4 5s.; 1958, £4 12s. 6d. (Since October, 1956, an allowance of 10s. has been payable for each child after the first). (c) A widow who is not less than 50, and is without children under 16; a widow without children who is in need, for not more than 26 weeks after the death of her husband, or until the birth of her child if she is pregnant; a woman whose husband has been in prison for six months, if she is not under 50, or if she has at least one child under 16. The maximum weekly rate of pension at the 30th June, 1954 and 1955 was £2 17s. 6d.; 1956 and 1957, £3 7s. 6d.; 1958, £3 15s. 0d. (d) Included in the figures for the State in which the pensioner is permanently domiciled.

NOTE.—Widows' pensions are subject to a means test on income and property.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Overseas.	Australia.
NUMBER OF CLAIMS PAID.										
1952-53..	(a)74,011	55,297	31,058	(b)19,068	15,535	7,983	(c)	(d)	90	203,042
1953-54..	(a)72,380	54,219	30,889	(b)18,749	15,803	7,726	(c)	(d)	48	199,514
1954-55..	76,614	55,720	31,782	18,506	16,261	7,940	481	787	88	208,179
1955-56..	75,591	58,385	32,764	19,036	17,180	8,328	510	961	110	212,865
1956-57..	77,387	59,648	32,882	19,929	16,553	8,166	579	1,067	106	216,617
1957-58..	79,220	60,666	34,000	20,001	16,829	8,509	666	1,137	121	221,149
AMOUNT PAID. (£.)										
1952-53..	a1,195,046	872,085	496,982	b 305,264	248,925	128,125	(c)	(d)	1,878	3,248,305
1953-54..	a1,173,058	874,376	496,802	b 301,146	253,442	125,400	(c)	(d)	1,695	3,225,919
1954-55..	1,250,268	892,301	512,445	297,284	261,129	127,502	7,435	12,551	1,392	3,362,307
1955-56..	1,207,471	935,155	525,779	304,392	276,123	136,512	8,129	15,125	1,722	3,410,408
1956-57..	1,251,911	948,575	532,563	319,188	271,128	131,000	9,117	17,056	1,668	3,482,206
1957-58..	1,281,244	968,576	547,530	323,241	271,032	137,651	10,708	18,168	1,878	3,560,028

(a) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) Included with South Australia. (d) Included with New South Wales.

NOTE.—Allowances payable are as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years, £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years, £16; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years, £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. The allowance is not subject to a means test.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS PAID.(a)

(For particulars of weekly average number of persons on benefit see page 96.)

(£.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.									
1952-53 ..	2,686,297	923,732	662,099	132,042	123,732	41,845	..	..	4,569,747
1953-54 ..	1,247,216	507,676	581,865	50,213	75,904	42,589	..	..	2,505,463
1954-55 ..	253,974	99,305	270,416	12,386	26,700	15,952	112	534	679,488
1955-56 ..	215,672	69,664	287,871	10,961	76,888	9,063	73	728	(d) 671,820
1956-57 ..	669,798	530,959	418,997	113,653	336,846	23,045	105	2,633	2,096,086
1957-58 ..	1,726,525	1,011,801	1,281,756	305,549	482,735	103,820	1,976	5,613	4,919,775
Quarter ended—									
March, 1958	565,459	263,506	568,918	79,640	124,761	23,482	629	2,176	1,628,571
June, " "	497,984	289,224	377,315	101,612	129,392	20,568	1,224	2,010	1,419,279
September, " "	621,099	378,920	171,962	126,408	185,993	43,037	325	1,473	1,529,217
December, " "	581,397	297,856	187,111	90,889	155,606	42,706	114	1,768	1,307,447
March, 1959	634,975	266,261	492,522	72,327	158,823	23,794	270	2,164	1,651,136
SICKNESS BENEFIT.									
1952-53 ..	546,432	370,354	208,889	133,783	84,682	49,154	..	..	1,393,294
1953-54 ..	697,949	405,414	257,633	153,042	106,886	54,719	..	..	1,675,593
1954-55 ..	673,235	387,452	254,982	137,117	98,868	51,716	1,559	2,913	1,607,842
1955-56 ..	641,550	350,172	243,952	134,243	93,854	50,901	1,487	2,914	(d) 1,519,073
1956-57 ..	639,342	339,414	234,000	136,332	96,907	47,243	1,361	3,927	1,498,526
1957-58 ..	792,335	406,032	304,761	157,379	130,959	58,744	1,821	5,232	1,857,263
Quarter ended—									
March, 1958	215,686	111,092	83,912	39,352	34,437	14,697	421	1,553	501,150
June, " "	219,461	125,369	85,232	42,654	37,583	15,921	455	1,705	528,380
September, " "	244,718	128,686	83,491	45,720	41,480	19,526	268	1,498	565,337
December, " "	224,240	124,704	87,341	46,975	38,252	19,805	541	1,680	543,538
March, 1959	222,079	116,462	85,440	38,229	35,271	14,137	368	1,702	513,688

(a) In addition £292,431 (Australian total) was paid in special benefits during 1952-53; £362,393 during 1953-54; £352,587 during 1954-55; £372,220 during 1955-56; £404,866 during 1956-57; and £558,706 during 1957-58; these amounts include payments to migrants in reception and training centres.

(b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (c) Includes the Northern Territory to June, 1954. (d) Does not include special variations of advances for payments in regional areas, made at the end of the year.

NOTE.—The rate of benefit per week is £3 5s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus £2 7s. 6d. for dependent spouse and 10s. for the first dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefit is £1 15s. if under 18 years and £2 7s. 6d. if 18 and under 21 years. In certain cases £2 7s. 6d. per week may be paid in respect of claimant's housekeeper. Rates operated from 17th October, 1957. Permissible weekly income from other sources is £2 for adults and married persons and £1 for unmarried persons under 21. For unemployment benefit, permissible income means income of claimant and spouse; for sickness benefit, permissible income means income of claimant only, but excludes amounts of up to £2 per week from a friendly society. There is a waiting period of seven days during which no payment is made.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment and Year.	Number of War Pensions Current at 30th June.				Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.			Expenditure during Year ended 30th June.
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.	
1958—								
New South Wales(a) ..	69,608	122,405	17,194	209,207	£ s. d. 5 8 10	£ s. d. 1 16 6	£ s. d. 3 0 7	£'000. 16,824
Victoria ..	59,430	106,161	14,246	179,837	5 14 1	1 17 1	3 2 6	14,871
Queensland ..	27,158	53,314	5,266	85,738	6 5 2	1 12 2	3 1 8	6,919
South Australia(b) ..	20,138	41,658	4,224	66,020	5 10 7	1 10 9	2 15 1	4,813
Western Australia ..	18,076	33,406	3,760	55,251	4 19 6	1 11 9	2 13 11	4,008
Tasmania ..	8,318	17,360	1,560	27,238	6 7 4	1 12 1	3 1 0	2,212
Abroad ..	1,711	2,125	1,235	5,071	5 17 6	3 16 7	4 10 4	631
Total ..	204,439	376,429	47,494	628,362	5 12 8	1 15 2	3 0 5	50,278
1957 ..	201,714	364,397	47,179	613,290	5 1 10	1 13 11	2 16 3	45,204
1956 ..	199,290	353,316	47,008	599,614	5 0 3	1 13 11	2 16 0	43,166
1955 ..	196,255	340,361	46,921	583,537	4 13 2	1 12 8	2 13 0	41,504
1954 ..	192,203	324,514	46,949	563,666	4 6 9	1 11 5	2 10 4	36,797
1953 ..	188,395	308,757	46,822	543,974	4 1 1	1 11 1	2 8 5	34,356

(a) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

(ii) Service Pensions.

State of Payment and Year.	Number of Service Pensions Current at 30th June paid to—						Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.	Expenditure during Year ended 30th June.
	Members of Forces who are—			Dependants of Members of Forces who are—		Total.		
	Aged.	Permanently Unemployable.	Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Permanently Unemployable.	Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.			
1958—								
New South Wales(a) ..	5,827	3,624	548	3,673	838	14,510	£ s. d. 5 11 9	£'000. 1,900
Victoria ..	3,379	2,958	351	2,880	490	10,058	5 5 11	1,320
Queensland ..	2,480	1,898	256	2,015	424	7,073	5 6 11	946
South Australia(b) ..	1,309	1,081	110	1,145	187	3,832	5 9 9	520
Western Australia ..	1,903	1,252	159	1,159	199	4,672	5 19 8	697
Tasmania ..	467	659	53	795	84	2,058	4 14 1	247
Australia ..	15,365	11,472	1,477	11,667	2,222	42,203	5 9 4	5,630
1957	13,547	10,794	1,449	11,074	2,213	39,077	5 3 2	4,907
1956	11,881	9,733	1,266	10,001	1,894	34,775	5 3 10	4,140
1955	10,566	5,555	379	5,286	530	22,316	5 7 9	3,012
1954	9,648	5,294	321	5,092	451	20,806	5 4 2	2,695
1953	8,703	4,971	291	4,780	432	19,177	4 16 6	2,225

(a) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

State or Territory and Year.	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	
			Average Weekly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance.

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

1957—					
New South Wales(a)	..	2,639	17,486	532,813	478,717
Victoria..	..	2,073	12,728	355,220	320,774
Queensland	..	1,559	7,637	(b) 214,301	189,528
South Australia	..	653	5,109	141,415	129,613
Western Australia	..	499	3,796	105,726	99,031
Tasmania	..	278	2,279	57,405	52,397
Northern Territory	..	10	89	(c) 2,359	2,093
Australia	..	7,711	49,124	1,409,239	1,272,153
1956	..	7,650	46,840	1,341,772	1,219,081
1955	..	7,619	45,104	1,274,835	1,153,628
1954	..	7,607	42,414	1,209,149	1,089,484
1953	..	7,595	40,237	1,149,915	1,037,621
1952	..	7,620	38,407	1,088,087	974,934
1951	..	7,648	36,740	1,012,874	899,514

NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.(d)

1957—					
New South Wales(a)	..	788	6,542	172,720	162,996
Victoria..	..	532	4,047	141,886	(e) 132,000
Queensland	..	296	2,235	63,510	58,208
South Australia	..	161	1,264	29,924	27,474
Western Australia	..	291	1,134	33,550	30,757
Tasmania	..	52	454	11,049	10,239
Northern Territory	..	2	14	580	488
Australia	..	2,122	15,690	453,219	(e) 422,000
1956	..	2,088	15,205	432,985	(e) 396,289
1955	..	2,051	14,768	409,945	(e) 374,600
1954	..	2,014	14,428	388,312	352,736
1953	..	1,958	13,898	366,086	337,156
1952	..	1,926	13,714	347,831	315,796
1951	..	1,890	13,251	326,258	293,429

(a) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (b) Enrolment at 1st August, 1956.

daily enrolment.

(d) Includes all schools not wholly under Government control.

(e) Average

(e) Estimated.

UNIVERSITIES.

University or College and Year.	Teaching Staff.		Students Enrolled. (a)	Degrees Conferred.	Total Income. (b)	Total Expenditure. (b)
	Full-time.	Part-time.				
1957—					£	£
Australian National University	130	1	88	13	1,919,646	1,867,325
Sydney	491	369	8,303	1,111	3,350,101	3,317,128
Melbourne	456	137	7,916	1,018	2,998,398	3,185,494
Queensland	292	229	5,615	428	1,432,001	1,387,071
Adelaide	215	174	4,759	340	1,336,030	1,430,306
Western Australia	132	88	2,376	212	1,070,623	1,061,926
Tasmania	86	10	1,033	115	475,916	542,110
N.S.W. University of Technology(c) ..	463	287	5,246	201	2,449,558	2,434,615
New England (Armidale N.S.W.)	111	26	1,171	57	810,040	808,850
Canberra University College	49	23	396	(d)	205,156	213,436
Australia	2,425	1,344	36,903	3,495	16,047,469	16,248,261
1956	2,260	1,442	34,480	3,572	13,870,677	14,039,869
1955	2,019	1,461	30,868	3,432	13,385,516	12,242,474
1954	1,936	1,475	29,445	3,499	11,002,483	9,759,476
1953	1,851	1,341	28,838	3,926	8,866,271	8,598,315

(a) Adjustment made for students enrolled in more than one course. (b) Includes capital items.
(c) Includes the Newcastle University College. (d) Included with Melbourne.

POLICE AND PRISONS.

State or Territory and Year.	Police.	Prisons.	Prisoners.
1957—			
New South Wales	(a)5,043	17	3,050
Victoria	(a)3,709	(a)11	(a)1,572
Queensland	2,491	7	680
South Australia	1,234	16	569
Western Australia	970	19	488
Tasmania	507	1	162
Northern Territory	80	2	29
Australian Capital Territory	60	..	..
Australia	14,094	73	6,550
1956	13,452	73	6,145
1955	12,924	74	5,125
1954	12,633	72	4,883
1953	12,702	71	4,831

NOTE.—All figures relate to the 30th June, except those marked (a) which relate to 31st December.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Hospitals.	Beds. (a)	Staff.		In-patients Treated. (b)	Revenue. (c)	Expenditure. (c)
			Medical.	Nursing.			
1956-57—						£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	268	20,993	4,491	11,734	424,618	29,448	29,583
Victoria ..	132	12,274	2,023	8,312	234,720	21,904	22,270
Queensland ..	139	11,502	798	4,776	207,235	13,270	13,519
South Australia ..	65	3,825	590	2,126	73,249	7,725	8,077
Western Australia ..	94	4,232	404	2,553	80,829	6,566	6,753
Tasmania ..	28	2,357	217	1,198	32,497	2,191	2,705
Northern Territory ..	4	363	13	102	7,013	747	747
Aust. Cap. Territory	1	250	37	205	4,884	331	330
Australia ..	731	55,801	8,573	31,006	1,065,045	82,472	83,984
1955-56 ..	721	53,550	8,103	29,070	1,032,668	71,612	74,568
1954-55 ..	709	52,979	7,738	27,566	1,046,171	63,998	64,323
1953-54 ..	699	50,812	7,487	26,116	961,288	54,971	54,190
1952-53 ..	694	50,076	7,246	25,940	939,856	51,333	50,834

(a) Includes particulars, where available, of a considerable number of beds and cots for certain classes of cases in outdoor or verandah sleeping places. (b) Newborn are excluded. Out-patient cases treated at public hospitals during 1956-57 were as follows:—New South Wales, 1,073,044; Victoria, 526,085; Queensland, 579,495; South Australia, 109,320; Western Australia, 115,000 (estimated); Tasmania, 91,743; the Northern Territory, 75,963; and the Australian Capital Territory, 12,117; Australia, 2,583,600 (estimated). (c) Up to and including 1955-56, finance figures exclude loan receipts and expenditure for New South Wales.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

State and Year.	Hospitals.	Beds.	Staff.		Patients at end of Year.	Revenue. (a)	Expenditure.
			Medical.	Nursing.			
1956-57—						£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	14	12,627	(b) 57	2,105	13,741	413	5,672
Victoria(c) ..	14	8,175	92	2,293	9,187	31	6,787
Queensland(d) ..	5	4,694	14	1,118	4,657	92	2,141
South Australia ..	2	2,656	13	445	2,592	97	1,303
Western Australia(c)	4	1,655	8	323	1,845	(e) 50	(e) 969
Tasmania ..	1	810	4	181	753	8	586
Australia ..	40	30,617	188	6,470	32,775	690	17,458
1955-56 ..	39	30,089	161	6,030	32,453	567	15,342
1954-55 ..	37	29,690	144	5,748	31,223	654	13,189
1953-54 ..	34	29,244	140	5,541	30,798	889	11,681
1952-53 ..	34	29,069	159	5,276	30,474	867	10,714

(a) Excludes grants from State governments. (b) In addition there were 59 visiting paid specialists. (c) Year 1957. (d) Includes the Epileptic Home. (e) Year 1956-57.

SECTION X.—EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND WAGES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA.(a)

('000.)

Month.	Total Civilian Employees. (Excluding Rural and Female Private Domestic.)			Total Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Au- thor- ities. (b)	Private Em- ployers. (c)	Total. (c)	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories. (c)	Build- ing and Con- struc- tion.	Trans- port and Com- muni- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Fin- ance.	Pro- fes- sional and Per- sonal Ser- vices. (d)
MALES.										
1956—June	604.9	1,476.8	2,081.7	57.3	778.0	214.6	310.4	129.9	212.7	187.2
1957—June	609.5	1,475.5	2,085.0	56.8	780.2	207.3	313.0	129.4	214.0	192.0
1958—June	621.8	1,475.7	2,097.5	51.6	791.1	202.3	311.8	132.5	216.3	196.2
1957—Oct.	608.9	1,475.4	2,084.3	54.8	785.2	202.1	309.2	130.8	216.3	193.9
Nov.	608.0	1,475.8	2,083.8	53.9	785.8	199.4	307.3	134.0	216.6	194.0
Dec.	609.0	1,472.2	2,081.2	53.6	781.1	197.1	307.9	136.2	216.9	195.0
1958—Jan.	611.9	1,475.3	2,087.2	53.3	786.5	198.5	310.2	133.1	217.0	194.4
Febr.	614.5	1,478.2	2,092.7	53.0	790.8	199.0	309.3	133.2	217.8	195.1
Mar.	616.4	1,480.3	2,096.7	52.7	793.3	199.3	310.7	132.4	217.7	195.8
Oct.	621.5	1,475.6	2,097.1	50.9	791.7	200.5	309.9	133.0	217.9	197.0
Nov.	622.8	1,482.2	2,105.0	50.6	793.8	200.7	310.5	135.6	219.8	197.6
Dec.	622.8	1,477.8	2,100.6	50.6	787.0	199.2	309.7	138.9	220.1	198.4
1959—Jan.	627.1	1,475.6	2,102.7	49.7	788.9	200.8	311.7	133.8	221.4	198.8
Feb.	631.2	1,482.3	2,113.5	49.6	793.8	202.9	312.2	133.6	222.3	201.0
Mar.	632.0	1,484.6	2,116.6	49.1	796.3	203.5	312.6	133.0	222.2	201.8
FEMALES.										
1956—June	129.8	643.3	773.1	1.2	242.5	5.1	40.1	122.9	88.1	236.5
1957—June	132.8	647.0	779.8	1.2	242.0	5.3	40.1	121.3	90.3	241.8
1958—June	136.6	655.5	792.1	1.1	244.0	5.5	39.9	125.4	92.3	246.2
1957—Oct.	133.0	654.2	787.2	1.2	246.3	5.3	39.9	123.9	90.3	243.0
Nov.	133.1	662.0	795.1	1.2	247.8	5.3	40.2	129.9	90.4	243.0
Dec.	132.1	659.3	791.4	1.1	243.7	5.3	39.6	131.2	90.5	242.8
1958—Jan.	132.7	656.8	789.5	1.1	245.4	5.4	40.2	125.5	91.7	242.7
Feb.	136.3	662.5	798.8	1.2	251.0	5.4	40.3	124.6	92.8	245.9
Mar.	136.7	664.5	801.2	1.1	252.8	5.4	40.4	124.2	93.1	246.4
Oct.	137.6	657.4	795.0	1.1	243.3	5.5	39.8	126.2	92.2	248.9
Nov.	137.8	662.0	799.8	1.1	243.4	5.5	40.0	130.5	92.4	248.7
Dec.	137.1	664.0	801.1	1.1	241.7	5.5	40.1	133.3	92.3	249.0
1959—Jan.	138.6	659.5	798.1	1.1	242.3	5.5	40.3	126.8	93.7	250.1
Feb.	143.0	664.5	807.5	1.1	247.2	5.5	40.5	125.8	94.8	254.0
Mar.	143.4	667.0	810.4	1.1	247.9	5.6	40.5	125.7	95.3	255.6
PERSONS.										
1956—June	734.7	2,120.1	2,854.8	58.5	1,020.5	219.7	350.5	252.8	300.8	423.7
1957—June	742.3	2,122.5	2,864.8	57.5	1,023.1	212.6	353.1	250.7	304.3	434.8
1958—June	758.4	2,131.2	2,889.6	52.7	1,035.1	207.8	351.7	257.9	308.6	442.4
1957—Oct.	741.9	2,129.6	2,871.5	55.5	1,031.5	207.4	349.1	254.7	306.6	436.9
Nov.	741.1	2,137.8	2,878.9	55.1	1,033.6	204.7	347.5	263.9	307.0	437.0
Dec.	741.1	2,131.5	2,872.6	54.7	1,024.8	202.4	347.5	267.4	307.4	437.8
1958—Jan.	744.6	2,132.1	2,876.7	54.4	1,031.9	203.9	350.4	258.6	308.7	437.1
Feb.	750.8	2,140.7	2,891.5	54.2	1,041.8	204.4	349.6	257.8	310.6	441.0
Mar.	753.1	2,144.8	2,897.9	53.8	1,046.1	204.7	351.1	256.6	310.8	442.2
Oct.	759.1	2,133.0	2,892.1	52.0	1,035.0	206.0	349.7	259.2	310.1	445.9
Nov.	760.6	2,144.2	2,904.8	51.7	1,037.2	206.2	350.5	266.1	312.2	446.3
Dec.	759.9	2,141.8	2,901.7	51.7	1,028.7	204.7	349.8	272.2	312.4	447.4
1959—Jan.	765.7	2,135.1	2,900.8	50.8	1,031.2	206.3	352.0	260.6	315.1	448.9
Feb.	774.2	2,146.8	2,921.0	50.7	1,041.0	208.4	352.7	259.4	317.1	455.0
Mar.	775.4	2,151.6	2,927.0	50.2	1,044.2	209.1	353.1	258.7	317.5	457.4

(a) Excludes members of the Defence Forces at home or abroad, and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment.

(b) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia.

(c) See note (a) to table on page 95 relating to employment in factories.

(d) Includes employees in education, health, hotels and restaurants and other professional and personal services (except female private domestic).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a)

('000.)

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1954—June ..	771.3	556.8	269.6	176.8	139.1	63.6	4.9	8.2	1,990.3
1955—June ..	794.2	576.2	278.2	180.8	141.5	65.1	4.8	8.7	2,049.5
1956—June ..	808.5	583.2	282.4	187.9	140.5	65.7	5.0	8.5	2,081.7
1957—June ..	810.5	586.0	282.6	186.4	138.4	66.0	5.8	9.3	2,085.0
1958—June ..	814.5	592.9	282.8	186.0	138.6	67.0	5.6	10.1	2,097.5
1957—Oct. ..	812.3	586.7	279.4	185.8	138.7	66.0	5.7	9.7	2,084.3
Nov. ..	812.3	587.7	277.5	185.8	139.1	66.0	5.6	9.8	2,083.8
Dec. ..	812.3	589.2	272.7	185.8	138.7	66.9	5.7	9.9	2,081.2
1958—Jan. ..	813.7	591.7	273.6	186.6	138.7	67.4	5.6	9.9	2,087.2
Feb. ..	815.8	593.2	275.4	186.5	138.9	67.4	5.6	9.9	2,092.7
Mar. ..	815.3	595.1	277.3	186.3	139.8	67.4	5.5	10.0	2,096.7
Oct. ..	813.9	592.3	283.1	186.5	130.2	66.1	5.8	10.2	2,097.1
Nov. ..	817.4	595.1	284.2	186.8	139.1	66.2	5.9	10.3	2,105.0
Dec. ..	816.4	596.4	278.3	187.0	139.3	67.0	5.8	10.4	2,100.6
1959—Jan. ..	816.3	598.6	278.0	187.6	139.3	67.0	5.7	10.2	2,102.7
Feb. ..	817.5	602.7	281.7	189.0	139.2	67.4	5.8	10.2	2,113.5
Mar. ..	817.5	603.8	282.7	189.3	139.7	67.7	5.7	10.2	2,116.6
FEMALES.									
1954—June ..	284.3	222.1	88.6	56.6	43.4	21.2	0.9	2.6	719.7
1955—June ..	297.4	232.4	92.1	59.8	44.3	21.8	1.0	2.9	751.7
1956—June ..	305.9	238.5	93.7	62.5	45.1	23.2	1.1	3.1	773.1
1957—June ..	309.3	240.4	95.8	62.4	44.5	22.9	1.2	3.3	779.8
1958—June ..	314.5	244.5	95.9	63.4	45.6	23.5	1.3	3.4	792.1
1957—Oct. ..	314.6	242.1	95.7	62.9	45.2	22.1	1.3	3.3	787.2
Nov. ..	318.7	244.8	95.7	63.5	45.7	22.1	1.3	3.3	795.1
Dec. ..	317.0	242.5	95.2	63.3	46.0	22.8	1.3	3.3	791.4
1958—Jan. ..	313.9	244.2	94.6	64.0	45.2	22.9	1.3	3.4	789.5
Feb. ..	316.0	249.2	96.1	64.1	45.7	23.0	1.3	3.4	798.8
Mar. ..	316.2	250.3	96.2	64.7	46.0	23.1	1.3	3.4	801.2
Oct. ..	315.7	245.6	96.6	63.8	46.2	22.2	1.4	3.5	795.0
Nov. ..	317.9	247.1	96.9	64.2	46.4	22.5	1.4	3.4	799.8
Dec. ..	319.4	246.6	96.3	64.2	46.8	23.1	1.4	3.3	801.1
1959—Jan. ..	315.8	246.7	96.4	64.8	46.3	23.2	1.4	3.5	798.1
Feb. ..	318.0	252.3	97.9	64.8	46.5	23.0	1.4	3.6	807.5
Mar. ..	319.0	253.6	97.4	65.4	46.8	23.1	1.4	3.7	810.4
PERSONS.									
1954—June ..	1,055.6	778.9	358.2	233.4	182.5	84.8	5.8	10.8	2,710.0
1955—June ..	1,091.6	808.6	370.3	240.6	185.8	86.9	5.8	11.6	2,801.2
1956—June ..	1,114.4	821.7	376.1	250.4	185.6	88.9	6.1	11.6	2,854.8
1957—June ..	1,119.8	826.4	378.4	248.8	182.9	88.9	7.0	12.6	2,864.8
1958—June ..	1,129.0	837.4	378.7	249.4	184.2	90.5	6.9	13.5	2,898.6
1957—Oct. ..	1,126.9	828.8	375.1	248.7	183.9	88.1	7.0	13.0	2,871.5
Nov. ..	1,131.0	832.5	373.2	249.3	184.8	88.1	6.9	13.1	2,878.9
Dec. ..	1,129.3	831.7	367.9	249.1	184.7	89.7	7.0	13.2	2,872.6
1958—Jan. ..	1,127.6	835.9	368.2	250.6	183.9	90.3	6.9	13.3	2,876.7
Feb. ..	1,131.8	842.4	371.5	250.6	184.6	90.4	6.9	13.3	2,891.5
Mar. ..	1,131.5	845.4	373.5	251.0	185.8	90.5	6.8	13.4	2,897.9
Oct. ..	1,129.6	837.9	379.7	250.3	185.4	88.3	7.2	13.7	2,892.1
Nov. ..	1,135.3	842.2	381.1	251.0	185.5	88.7	7.3	13.7	2,904.8
Dec. ..	1,135.8	843.0	374.6	251.2	186.1	90.1	7.2	13.7	2,901.7
1959—Jan. ..	1,132.1	845.3	374.4	252.4	185.6	90.2	7.1	13.7	2,900.8
Feb. ..	1,135.5	855.0	379.6	253.8	185.7	90.4	7.2	13.8	2,921.0
Mar. ..	1,136.5	857.4	380.1	254.7	186.5	90.8	7.1	13.9	2,927.0

(a) Excludes employees in rural industry, female private domestics, members of Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. See note (a) to table on page 95 relating to employment in factories.

See also notes on previous page.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Index: av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Unadjusted.	Adjusted. (b)
1953-54(c) ..	'000. 336.3	'000. 317.3	'000. 93.0	'000. 82.7	'000. 44.9	'000. 23.4	721.6	226.0	947.6	1,802	1,392
1954-55(c) ..	403.0	332.6	95.4	86.6	46.8	24.4	751.4	237.4	988.8	1,881	1,422
1955-56(c) ..	417.0	341.3	97.2	89.9	47.5	26.0	775.4	243.5	1,018.9	1,938	1,429
1956-57(c) ..	420.1	341.0	98.1	89.2	46.1	26.5	776.6	244.4	1,021.0	1,942	1,399
1957-58(c) ..	429.2	344.8	96.9	89.5	45.8	26.9	786.8	246.3	1,033.1	1,965	1,385
1957-58—											
January ..	428.0	346.7	93.0	90.6	45.7	27.9	786.5	245.4	1,031.9	1,963	1,381
February ..	431.5	351.1	95.1	90.5	46.2	27.4	790.8	251.0	1,041.8	1,981	1,391
March ..	432.9	352.3	96.5	90.9	46.3	27.2	793.3	252.8	1,046.1	1,990	1,395
April ..	432.6	347.3	95.9	89.8	46.0	27.5	791.6	247.5	1,039.1	1,976	1,383
May ..	432.4	345.1	97.6	89.0	45.7	27.4	791.4	245.8	1,037.2	1,973	1,379
June ..	431.5	342.8	99.4	88.9	45.2	27.3	791.1	244.0	1,035.1	1,969	1,374
1958-59—											
July ..	431.4	341.6	100.1	88.8	44.7	26.9	790.3	243.2	1,033.5	1,966	1,369
August ..	431.1	341.0	100.3	88.6	44.6	26.2	788.6	243.2	1,031.8	1,963	1,365
September ..	431.3	342.3	100.1	88.8	44.6	25.8	789.4	243.5	1,032.9	1,965	1,364
October ..	431.6	343.4	100.3	89.2	44.7	25.8	791.7	243.3	1,035.0	1,969	1,365
November ..	432.3	344.7	100.2	89.1	44.9	26.0	793.8	243.4	1,037.2	1,973	1,364
December ..	429.9	343.8	94.1	89.0	44.8	27.1	787.0	241.7	1,028.7	1,956	1,350
January ..	429.9	344.6	94.4	90.2	44.6	27.5	788.9	242.3	1,031.2	1,961	1,351
February ..	432.1	349.4	98.0	90.0	44.7	26.8	793.8	247.2	1,041.0	1,980	1,362
March ..	433.1	350.8	97.7	90.7	44.9	27.0	796.3	247.9	1,044.2	1,986	1,363

(a) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1958, represent actual monthly employment in factories as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1958, the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. (b) Divided by Index of Total Population. (c) Monthly average.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

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Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia.(b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
1953-54(c) ..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1954-55(c) ..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	119.8	249.5
1955-56(c) ..	97.7	71.4	31.7	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	124.2	254.7
1956-57(c) ..	96.3	71.2	32.0	24.8	19.7	7.9	130.0	122.7	252.7
1957-58(c) ..	98.9	72.5	32.5	24.7	20.0	7.8	132.2	125.0	257.2
1957-58—									
January ..	99.5	72.9	32.5	24.9	20.3	7.8	133.1	125.5	258.6
February ..	99.3	72.7	32.3	24.7	20.1	7.8	133.2	124.6	257.8
March ..	98.6	72.6	32.1	24.7	20.1	7.7	132.4	124.2	256.6
April ..	98.4	72.8	32.2	24.7	20.1	7.7	132.3	124.4	256.7
May ..	99.5	73.2	32.5	24.6	20.4	7.7	133.0	125.8	258.8
June ..	98.7	73.3	32.4	24.5	20.3	7.7	132.5	125.4	257.9
1958-59—									
July ..	98.9	73.2	32.3	24.4	20.4	7.6	132.3	125.3	257.6
August ..	98.2	73.1	32.2	24.4	20.3	7.5	132.0	124.7	256.7
September ..	98.4	73.6	32.3	24.6	20.6	7.5	132.6	125.2	257.8
October ..	99.1	74.0	32.3	24.8	20.6	7.5	133.0	126.2	259.2
November ..	102.6	75.6	33.0	25.4	21.1	7.6	135.6	130.5	266.1
December ..	106.2	76.5	33.4	25.8	21.7	7.9	138.9	133.3	272.2
January ..	98.8	74.4	32.5	25.1	21.2	7.8	133.8	126.8	260.6
February ..	98.2	74.9	32.3	24.9	20.8	7.5	133.6	125.8	259.4
March ..	97.9	74.3	32.2	25.0	20.8	7.5	133.0	125.7	258.7

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service trainees in camp. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Monthly average.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week.(a)

(For particulars of benefits paid, see page 88.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

1950-51	..	293	90	320	6	60	15	..	784
1951-52	..	795	162	1,348	17	57	12	..	2,391
1952-53	..	17,270	6,114	4,185	841	844	256	..	29,510
1953-54	..	6,859	2,556	3,177	270	427	223	..	13,812
1954-55	..	1,523	576	1,459	66	157	86	4	3,871
1955-56	..	1,344	447	1,544	77	473	58	5	3,948
1956-57	..	4,076	3,267	2,348	681	1,940	125	15	12,452
1957-58	..	8,584	5,107	5,746	1,534	2,330	505	32	23,847
Quarter ended—									
March, 1957		4,331	3,074	4,085	598	1,984	88	17	14,177
June, "		5,450	4,057	3,333	759	1,895	222	11	15,727
September, "		7,496	5,640	2,448	1,297	2,580	615	17	20,093
December, "		7,170	4,675	4,334	1,366	2,016	629	28	20,219
March, 1958		9,449	4,490	9,442	1,490	2,305	365	15	27,602
June, "		10,221	5,625	6,760	1,982	2,422	410	19	37,476
September, "		11,567	7,330	3,634	2,243	3,234	813	5	42,868
December, "		10,438	5,504	3,372	1,656	2,574	703	3	24,340
March, 1959		12,228	5,007	7,665	1,398	2,878	470	10	29,698

SICKNESS BENEFIT

1950-51	..	2,883	1,835	958	657	475	317	..	7,125
1951-52	..	2,593	1,584	935	695	461	218	..	6,486
1952-53	..	2,991	1,706	1,027	670	433	227	..	7,054
1953-54	..	3,340	1,975	1,241	693	479	239	..	7,967
1954-55	..	3,337	1,994	1,284	645	459	231	5	7,967
1955-56	..	3,110	1,695	1,189	637	428	229	4	7,303
1956-57	..	2,973	1,610	1,130	594	458	225	3	7,006
1957-58	..	3,026	1,594	1,277	604	508	230	5	7,262
Quarter ended—									
March, 1957		2,855	1,538	1,143	545	457	206	4	6,759
June, "		2,889	1,514	1,069	593	448	226	2	6,759
September, "		2,940	1,568	1,154	617	494	237	6	7,034
December, "		3,042	1,602	1,280	593	480	226	7	7,248
March, 1958		2,947	1,543	1,328	577	504	226	5	7,149
June, "		3,175	1,666	1,345	628	552	230	4	7,618
September, "		3,485	1,957	1,386	675	596	274	4	8,399
December, "		3,585	1,932	1,412	659	597	256	7	8,472
March, 1959		3,292	1,799	1,341	612	534	219	6	7,826

(a) In addition, the average number of persons (excluding migrants in reception and training centres) receiving special benefits at end of each week were:—1950-51, 863; 1951-52, 987; 1952-53, 1,372; 1953-54, 1,859; 1954-55, 1,966; 1955-56, 1,984; 1956-57, 2,015; 1957-58, 2,106. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (c) Includes the Northern Territory to June, 1954.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.(a)

Period.	Dis- putes.	Workers Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti- mated Loss in Wages. £
		Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly. (b)	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.								
Year—1958 ..	624	137,922	3,906	141,828	231,537	..	231,537	832,644
1958—Mar. Qtr.	174	49,602	916	50,518	79,522	..	79,522	236,738
June ..	162	39,778	1 741	41,519	61,080	1,176	62,256	222,071
Sept. "	184	34,305	1,117	35,422	55,851	2,836	58,687	206,445
Dec. "	104	14,237	132	14,369	30,906	166	31,072	117,390
1959—Mar. "	117	25,361	295	25,656	48,776	..	48,776	198,874
VICTORIA.								
Year—1958 ..	66	45,594	1,124	46,718	99,855	..	99,855	340,846
1958—Mar. Qtr.	21	20,129	179	20,308	51,136	..	51,136	174,538
June ..	19	22,344	75	22,419	21,031	1,750	22,781	81,202
Sept. "	13	1,139	71	1,210	13,984	2,932	16,866	54,380
Dec. "	13	1,932	799	2,731	8,504	568	9,072	30,226
1959—Mar. "	22	6,810	283	7,093	10,641	..	10,641	39,007
QUEENSLAND.								
Year—1958 ..	203	60,208	2,024	62,232	87,866	..	87,866	343,662
1958—Mar. Qtr.	44	10,518	35	10,553	15,572	..	15,572	61,599
June ..	43	17,367	17	17,384	14,818	718	15,536	58,530
Sept. "	71	24,036	2	24,038	33,576	992	34,568	132,325
Dec. "	45	8,237	1,970	10,257	20,746	1,444	22,190	91,208
1959—Mar. "	40	5,044	1,054	6,098	30,792	..	30,792	99,970
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1958 ..	22	8,129	62	8,191	9,338	..	9,338	34,540
1958—Mar. Qtr.	11	4,290	..	4,290	5,294	..	5,294	18,320
June ..	2	2,056	..	2,056	929	..	929	3,327
Sept. "	4	345	52	397	327	..	327	1,324
Dec. "	5	1,438	10	1,448	2,176	612	2,788	11,569
1959—Mar. "	2	539	..	539	630	..	630	1,870
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1958 ..	20	10,847	160	11,007	2,970	..	2,970	10,382
1958—Mar. Qtr.	5	4,166	..	4,166	428	..	428	1,499
June ..	6	2,319	..	2,319	1,016	..	1,016	3,485
Sept. "	2	1,735	..	1,735	123	..	123	431
Dec. "	7	2,627	160	2,787	1,403	..	1,403	4,967
1959—Mar. "	4	2,111	191	2,302	1,847	..	1,847	5,245
TASMANIA.								
Year—1958 ..	24	9,268	..	9,268	4,508	..	4,508	15,066
1958—Mar. Qtr.	4	1,882	..	1,882	733	..	733	2,565
June ..	7	5,433	..	5,433	2,207	..	2,207	7,566
Sept. "	5	521	..	521	936	..	936	2,707
Dec. "	8	1,432	..	1,432	632	..	632	2,228
1959—Mar. "	8	732	..	732	322	..	322	1,129
AUSTRALIA.(c)								
Year—1958 ..	987	275,573	7,276	282,849	439,890	..	439,890	1,590,603
1958—Mar. Qtr.	269	92,252	1,130	93,382	153,912	..	153,912	549,502
June ..	240	99,377	1,833	101,210	101,121	3,644	104,765	376,301
Sept. "	290	63,505	1,242	64,747	107,038	6,760	113,798	406,243
Dec. "	188	30,439	3,071	33,510	64,625	2,790	67,415	258,557
1959—Mar. "	196	40,823	1,835	42,658	93,727	..	93,727	349,079

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.
 thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

(b) Persons

(c) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS, AUSTRALIA.(a)

Period.	Manu- facturing. (Groups I. to VI.)	Building. (Group VII.)	Mining. (Group VIII.)		Transport, Land, Sea and Air. (Groups IX. to XI.)	Miscel- laneous. (Groups XII. to XIV.)	All Groups
			(I) Coal- mining.	(II) Other Mining.			
NUMBER.							
1954	192	47	942	4	290	15	1,490
1955	277	72	777	8	377	21	1,532
1956	164	81	665	5	361	30	1,306
1957	165	50	518	7	337	26	1,103
1958	170	55	416	8	310	28	987
1958—							
March Qtr. ..	49	21	98	2	89	10	269
June " ..	29	15	113	2	76	5	240
Sept. " ..	42	15	137	3	86	7	290
Dec. " ..	50	4	68	1	59	6	183
1959—							
March " ..	45	9	74	3	59	6	196

WORKERS INVOLVED.							
1954	57,010	6,025	155,630	494	145,521	4,404	370,074
1955	87,295	22,297	135,543	1,105	191,595	6,812	444,647
1956	45,459	21,225	126,631	7,889	213,386	13,393	427,983
1957	40,684	32,562	110,446	3,741	145,498	4,112	337,043
1958	40,832	8,788	81,015	2,476	145,275	4,463	282,849
1958—							
March Qtr. ..	8,445	3,541	29,154	261	49,865	2,116	93,382
June " ..	6,793	803	15,498	1,396	65,807	913	91,210
Sept. " ..	13,329	4,035	26,233	580	19,588	982	64,747
Dec. " ..	12,265	409	10,130	239	10,015	452	33,510
1959—							
March " ..	11,534	602	12,310	4,765	12,996	451	42,658

WORKING DAYS LOST.							
1954	244,770	31,751	255,726	7,720	352,311	9,361	901,639
1955	493,075	69,443	225,336	9,106	189,532	25,392	1,010,834
1956	284,717	68,073	198,354	12,633	521,662	35,944	1,121,383
1957	205,381	45,907	206,977	5,209	162,643	4,096	630,213
1958	116,326	34,343	150,793	3,131	127,010	7,187	439,890
1958—							
March Qtr. ..	26,569	16,453	52,065	751	56,018	2,056	153,912
June " ..	16,339	5,099	33,408	496	42,613	1,810	104,765
Sept. " ..	33,970	10,644	43,933	1,001	17,038	2,212	113,798
Dec. " ..	34,943	2,147	16,387	883	11,941	1,109	67,415
1959—							
March " ..	55,162	1,456	16,222	10,645	9,560	682	93,727

ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES. (£.)							
1954	767,051	115,972	862,384	41,265	1,207,932	26,607	3,021,211
1955	1,533,880	234,596	789,322	31,661	641,604	79,258	3,310,321
1956	1,033,759	259,582	683,710	69,840	1,809,656	110,514	3,967,061
1957	740,512	162,153	761,109	30,356	599,889	14,603	2,308,622
1958	425,919	120,816	554,488	13,160	451,718	24,502	1,590,603
1958—							
March Qtr. ..	101,230	49,859	193,406	2,600	196,224	6,174	549,502
June " ..	58,518	23,044	133,793	2,100	147,843	6,003	376,301
Sept. " ..	136,252	37,178	161,125	4,050	59,314	8,324	406,243
Dec. " ..	129,910	10,735	61,164	4,410	43,337	4,001	258,557
1959—							
March " ..	187,781	6,472	60,364	53,763	33,620	2,079	349,079

(a) See notes on page 97.

TRADE UNIONS AND MEMBERSHIP.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.									
1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	(a) 380
1954	228	158	129	138	154	98	18	29	371
1955	235	160	130	138	154	101	20	32	372
1956	237	162	135	140	157	101	23	33	375
1957	235	162	133	137	156	98	21	33	373
1958	231	161	131	136	156	98	20	30	370
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.									
1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,232	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470
1954	732,737	433,891	305,304	147,555	109,589	50,290	2,168	5,970	1,787,504
1955	731,960	446,372	305,509	146,422	111,959	51,401	2,440	5,799	1,801,862
1956	736,152	441,236	314,782	147,728	110,447	52,708	2,352	5,953	1,811,408
1957	737,358	443,040	310,821	144,914	114,095	51,951	2,408	5,567	1,810,154
1958	731,375	444,150	313,744	147,029	114,494	51,508	2,433	6,485	1,811,218

(a) Without interstate duplication. The State figures do not add to the Australian total because a union represented in more than one State is included in the figure for each State in which it is represented, but is counted only once in the Australian total.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 73 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. An index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted, is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

Period.	New South Wales. (a)	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia. (b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000.).								
1953-54	..	16,480	11,767	5,227	3,615	2,754	1,305	41,148
1954-55	..	17,970	12,901	5,601	3,940	2,928	1,399	44,739
1955-56	..	19,764	14,144	6,033	4,330	3,104	1,521	48,896
1956-57	..	20,943	14,925	6,457	4,507	3,177	1,635	51,644
1957-58	..	21,664	15,510	6,585	4,635	3,284	1,671	53,349
1957-58—								
March	Qtr.	20,630	14,789	6,091	4,480	3,116	1,653	50,759
June	"	21,995	15,831	6,764	4,668	3,350	1,778	54,336
1958-59—								
September	"	22,182	15,908	7,016	4,757	3,407	1,654	54,924
December	"	23,645	17,044	7,424	4,961	3,505	1,799	58,378
March	"	21,253	15,382	6,565	4,568	3,131	1,669	52,568

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£.).(c)								
1953-54	..	16.69	16.64	14.98	15.87	15.59	15.78	16.26
1954-55	..	17.64	17.59	15.58	16.83	16.11	16.54	17.13
1955-56	..	18.92	18.78	16.49	17.88	16.92	17.75	18.23
1956-57	..	19.89	19.70	17.50	18.23	17.43	18.79	19.16
1957-58	..	20.44	20.22	17.94	18.68	18.05	18.95	19.67
1957-58—								
March	Qtr.	19.43	19.14	16.76	18.01	17.10	18.58	18.68
June	"	20.70	20.49	18.22	18.79	18.30	19.76	19.93
1958-59—								
September	"	20.92	20.68	18.68	19.17	18.67	18.74	20.16
December	"	22.19	22.01	19.88	19.89	19.12	20.37	21.35
March	"	19.94	19.63	17.65	18.15	17.08	18.61	19.14

(a) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and, because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—As quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences, comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years.

WAGES—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st MARCH, 1959.(a)

(Weekly rates expressed in shillings and pence; hourly rates in pence.)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, etc...	Weekly Wage	332/8	315/5	316/9	310/8	326/5	321/3	322/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	99.81	94.64	95.03	93.20	97.92	96.37	96.83
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	Weekly Wage	317/8	307/3	337/9	304/3	325/8	322/5	315/4
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	95.29	92.17	101.32	91.29	97.70	96.74	94.61
III. Food, Drink, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	323/11	323/8	307/0	320/10	317/1	330/5	320/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	97.19	97.27	92.09	96.25	95.13	99.12	96.09
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	Weekly Wage	310/9	313/3	321/0	321/0	325/11	308/7	313/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	93.23	93.97	96.30	96.30	97.77	92.58	94.17
V. Books, Printing, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	364/10	353/6	361/6	343/9	393/6	360/10	360/2
	Working Hours	40.00	39.51	40.00	40.00	37.69	40.00	39.72
	Hourly Wage	109.46	107.36	108.46	103.12	125.28	108.25	108.82
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	323/10	310/2	305/10	311/6	316/1	323/10	315/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	97.16	93.05	91.75	93.45	94.83	97.15	94.79
VII. Building ..	Weekly Wage	361/9	357/2	344/8	329/7	346/6	339/5	353/6
	Working Hours	39.94	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	108.70	107.14	103.39	98.87	103.95	101.82	106.12
VIII. Mining(e) ..	Weekly Wage	330/5	319/4	319/3	303/1	339/9	316/5	326/6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	38.15	40.00	39.69
	Hourly Wage	99.13	95.81	95.79	90.93	106.88	94.93	93.70
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	338/3	322/5	329/2	309/6	323/9	345/9	328/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	101.47	96.73	98.74	92.84	97.13	103.74	98.62
X. Other Transport ..	Weekly Wage	321/11	304/4	301/0	299/7	314/9	316/8	311/6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	96.57	91.29	90.29	89.87	94.42	95.00	93.46
XI. Shipping, etc.(d)(e) ..	Weekly Wage	339/7	341/7	338/8	339/4	340/1	341/0	339/11
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.(e)	Weekly Wage	386/2	345/6	344/0	342/3	352/8	364/5	361/3
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	Weekly Wage	307/3	298/10	285/9	280/11	294/3	292/1	298/6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	92.18	89.64	85.72	84.27	88.27	87.62	89.56
XIV. Miscellaneous ..	Weekly Wage	318/7	307/11	301/0	294/4	306/8	307/7	309/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	95.58	92.39	90.30	88.29	91.99	92.29	92.91
All Groups(b)	Weekly Wage	339/0	322/3	321/7	315/6	328/10	332/2	328/11
All Groups except XI. and XII.(b)	Weekly Wage	327/0	316/9	314/3	305/11	323/4	318/4	320/0
	Working Hours	39.99	39.98	40.00	40.00	39.51	40.00	39.95
	Hourly Wage	98.13	95.07	94.27	91.79	98.21	95.50	96.12

(a) The figures of nominal wages and hours of labour are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms. (b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (d) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied. (e) Definite particulars for the computation of average working hours and hourly rates of wages are not available.

WAGES—ADULT FEMALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st MARCH, 1959. (a)

(Weekly rates expressed in shillings and pence; hourly rates in pence.)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
III. Food, Drink, etc.	Weekly Wage	222/4	215/6	204/8	218/8	189/4	218/2	216/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	66.71	64.64	61.35	65.61	56.80	65.44	65.09
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	Weekly Wage	216/1	217/0	221/5	222/0	222/10	220/0	217/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	64.82	65.10	66.42	66.61	66.86	66.00	65.36
I., II., V., and VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	237/0	219/7	210/7	227/3	..	219/0	225/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	71.10	65.87	63.18	68.18	..	65.70	67.77
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	Weekly Wage	227/3	221/6	200/4	215/10	203/10	214/3	217/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	68.19	66.44	60.10	64.74	61.15	64.27	65.32
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, etc.	Weekly Wage	262/11	255/11	232/7	224/3	..	..	252/5
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	..	40.00
	Hourly Wage	78.88	76.78	69.78	67.28	..	..	75.73
All Groups (b)	Weekly Wage	231/5	225/0	217/5	221/8	212/11	218/3	225/6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	69.44	67.51	65.23	66.51	63.88	65.48	67.64

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

WAGES—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE RATE INDEX NUMBERS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'd.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
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ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
31st December, 1914 ..	56	2	54	7	53	5	54	5	62	10	52	8	55	7
" " 1939 ..	96	7	93	6	97	5	88	11	100	6	89	5	96	3
" " 1954 ..	298	4	284	3	278	7	282	2	293	3	299	2	290	0
" " 1955 ..	310	1	296	7	284	11	284	9	304	9	302	7	300	0
" " 1956(c) ..	331	8	312	10	301	3	297	11	318	1	319	9	317	9
" " 1957 ..	333	7	318	10	304	0	309	2	326	6	326	11	322	6
" " 1958 ..	337	8	322	0	318	3	315	0	328	8	331	9	327	10
31st March, 1959 ..	339	0	322	3	321	7	315	6	328	10	332	2	328	11

ADULT MALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE: 518. 8D. (b) IN 1911 = 1,000.)

	1,006	1,065	1,042	1,063	1,226	1,028	1,085
31st December, 1914 ..	1,006	1,065	1,042	1,063	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1939 ..	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" " 1954 ..	5,820	5,547	5,435	5,506	5,722	5,837	5,658
" " 1955 ..	6,051	5,787	5,559	5,555	5,946	5,905	5,853
" " 1956(c) ..	6,471	6,104	5,878	5,812	6,206	6,239	6,201
" " 1957 ..	6,508	6,221	5,931	6,032	6,370	6,378	6,292
" " 1958 ..	6,588	6,282	6,210	6,147	6,413	6,473	6,396
31st March, 1959 ..	6,615	6,288	6,275	6,156	6,416	6,482	6,419

ADULT FEMALES: RATES OF WAGE.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
31st December, 1914 ..	26	10	27	9	27	1	24	1	37	4	25	10	27	5
" " 1939 ..	53	3	51	9	55	2	49	7	55	8	50	8	52	8
" " 1954 ..	193	9	200	2	190	0	199	5	190	5	196	7	197	11
" " 1955 ..	205	3	206	9	192	10	199	11	193	7	197	11	203	4
" " 1956 ..	216	10	216	2	201	3	207	5	201	8	207	10	213	2
" " 1957 ..	220	1	222	2	207	11	217	11	210	11	215	4	218	10
" " 1958 ..	223	3	225	0	215	10	221	8	212	11	218	3	222	5
31st March, 1959 ..	231	5	225	0	217	5	221	8	212	11	218	3	225	6

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE—278. 2D. (b) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)

	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,008
31st December, 1914 ..	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,008
" " 1939 ..	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
" " 1954 ..	7,314	7,367	6,994	7,339	7,007	7,236	7,285
" " 1955 ..	7,554	7,608	7,098	7,358	7,125	7,284	7,483
" " 1956 ..	7,981	7,955	7,406	7,685	7,423	7,649	7,846
" " 1957 ..	8,101	8,176	7,652	8,021	7,764	7,926	8,054
" " 1958 ..	8,216	8,282	7,944	8,160	7,837	8,033	8,187
31st March, 1959 ..	8,510	8,282	8,003	8,160	7,837	8,033	8,209

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Partly estimated.

BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES FOR ADULT MALES UNDER AWARDS OF COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION COMMISSION.(a)

Date Operative.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
September, 1939	81 0	81 0	76 0	78 0	77 0	77 0	79 0
November, 1947	112 0	109 0	105 0	106 0	106 0	107 0	109 0
" 1948	122 0	120 0	115 0	116 0	116 0	118 0	119 0
" 1949	132 0	130 0	125 0	126 0	129 0	128 0	129 0
" 1950	146 0	143 0	135 0	137 0	139 0	139 0	142 0
December, 1950	165 0	162 0	154 0	158 0	160 0	160 0	162 0
November, 1951	207 0	199 0	185 0	195 0	197 0	199 0	200 0
May, 1952	223 0	212 0	207 0	211 0	214 0	214 0	216 0
August, 1952	235 0	224 0	213 0	224 0	222 0	222 0	227 0
November, 1952	237 0	228 0	216 0	229 0	228 0	230 0	231 0
February, 1953	238 0	229 0	215 0	225 0	229 0	232 0	231 0
May, 1953	241 0	232 0	217 0	228 0	231 0	239 0	234 0
August, 1953(b)	243 0	235 0	218 0	231 0	236 0	242 0	236 0
June, 1956(c)	253 0	245 0	228 0	241 0	246 0	252 0	246 0
May, 1957(d)	263 0	255 0	238 0	251 0	256 0	262 0	256 0
May, 1958(e)	268 0	260 0	243 0	256 0	261 0	267 0	261 0
June, 1959(f)	283 0	275 0	258 0	271 0	276 0	282 0	276 0

(a) Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration prior to 30th June, 1956. Rates operative from beginning of first pay-period commencing in months shown. (b) By decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, announced on 12th September, 1953, automatic adjustment of basic wages in accordance with variations occurring in retail price index numbers was discontinued in Commonwealth awards.

(c) As a result of the 1956 Basic Wage Inquiry, increased by 10s. a week payable from the first pay-period in June, 1956. (d) Increased by 10s. a week payable from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing on or after 15th May, 1957 (1957 Basic Wage Inquiry). (e) Increased by 5s. a week as from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing on or after 21st May 1958 (1958 Basic Wage Inquiry). (f) Increased by 15s. a week as from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing on or after 11th June, 1959 (1959 Basic Wage Inquiry).

NOTE.—Since December, 1950, the female basic wage has been 75 per cent. of the corresponding male rate; previously it had ranged between 54 per cent. and 75 per cent.

STATE BASIC WAGES—WEEKLY RATES.

State.	February, 1959.			May, 1959.		
	Date of Operation.	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation.	Males.	Females.
	(a).			(a).		
New South Wales(b)—		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Metropolitan and Country, excluding Broken Hill ..	Feb., 1959	275 0	206 0	May, 1959	276 0	207 0
Broken Hill	Feb., 1959	274 0	205 6	May, 1959	276 0	207 0
Victoria(c)	Aug., 1956	263 0	197 0	June, 1959	275 0	206 0
Queensland(d)—						
Southern Division (Eastern District), including Brisbane	2.2.59	260 0	176 6	27.4.59	263 0	179 0
Southern Division (Western District)	2.2.59	270 6	181 9	27.4.59	273 6	184 3
Mackay Division	2.2.59	269 0	181 0	27.4.59	272 0	183 6
Northern Division (Eastern District)	2.2.59	270 6	181 9	27.4.59	273 6	184 3
Northern Division (Western District)	2.2.59	292 6	192 9	27.4.59	295 6	195 3
South Australia(e)	26.5.58	256 0	192 0	15.6.59	271 0	203 0
Western Australia(f)—						
Metropolitan Area	27.10.58	273 5	177 9	27.4.59	275 1	178 10
South-West Land Division	4.8.58	273 4	177 8	27.4.59	274 6	178 5
Goldfield and other areas	27.10.58	271 6	176 6	27.10.58	271 6	176 6
Tasmania(g)	Aug., 1956	272 0	204 0	July, 1959	282 0	211 6

(a) Where dates are not quoted wage rates operate from beginning of first pay-period in month shown.

(b) Automatic quarterly adjustment operative in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers.

(c) Rates shown (Melbourne) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. By amendment to the Labour, and Industry Act automatic quarterly adjustment to the basic wage was discontinued after the August 1956, adjustment. During June and July, 1959, Wages Boards varied determinations by adopting the Commonwealth basic wage rate. (d) The Queensland Industrial Court each quarter announces the variation, if any, in the basic wage, after considering movements in the "C" Series retail price index numbers.

(e) Automatic quarterly adjustments not operative. The "living wage" declared for the metropolitan area (at present equal to the Commonwealth basic wage for Adelaide) is also adopted in country areas, except at Whyalla where a loading of 5s. is generally payable. (f) The Western Australian Court of Arbitration each quarter announces any variations in the basic wage after considering a statement, prepared by the Government Statistician, which shows the movement in the "C" Series retail price index number. (g) Rates quoted (Hobart) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards.

Automatic quarterly adjustments were suspended by the majority of Wages Boards following the adjustment payable in August, 1956. Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate from July, 1959.

SECTION XI.—PRICES.

THE INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

For a description of the structure and scope of the Interim Index and a comparison with that of the "C" Series, see *Labour Report* No. 45, 1957, pages 7-15.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Index : Year 1952-53=100).

NOTE.—The index numbers hereunder are designed to measure aggregate variations in retail prices of specified groups of items for specified cities individually. They measure variations from time to time and not differences in price level as between cities nor comparative costs of groups of items.

City.	Year ended June, 1953.	Year ended June, 1955.	Year ended June, 1956.	Year ended June, 1957.	Year ended June, 1958.	1958.				1959.
						Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
GROUP I.—FOOD (EXCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).										
Sydney ..	100.0	104.0	106.7	111.4	113.6	115.4	114.6	113.3	113.8	114.2
Melbourne ..	100.0	104.7	109.9	114.2	114.9	114.8	115.1	115.3	115.2	116.7
Brisbane ..	100.0	103.4	104.7	108.4	113.3	115.0	115.8	116.0	117.6	119.6
Adelaide ..	100.0	106.3	108.7	111.1	112.2	110.9	114.2	116.0	116.9	118.4
Perth ..	100.0	109.4	111.0	115.8	115.0	114.2	115.6	116.0	114.7	115.6
Hobart ..	100.0	106.7	111.3	115.3	114.7	114.8	114.8	115.8	117.0	116.3
Six Capitals(a)	100.0	104.8	108.1	112.4	114.0	114.6	114.9	114.7	115.1	116.1
GROUP I.—FOOD (INCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).										
Sydney ..	100.0	103.6	109.0	114.4	112.9	114.7	113.7	112.4	113.4	114.3
Melbourne ..	100.0	104.3	112.9	118.6	115.1	114.9	114.9	114.9	115.7	118.0
Brisbane ..	100.0	104.2	108.1	112.1	113.4	115.4	115.6	116.3	118.1	120.9
Adelaide ..	100.0	106.2	111.1	114.9	111.9	110.8	113.4	115.3	117.2	119.1
Perth ..	100.0	109.5	111.3	116.8	115.4	114.4	115.7	116.2	114.9	116.1
Hobart ..	100.0	106.8	113.6	118.3	114.4	115.1	114.2	114.8	116.6	117.5
Six Capitals(a)	100.0	104.6	110.6	115.8	113.7	114.4	114.4	114.2	115.1	116.7
GROUP II.—CLOTHING AND DRAPERY.										
Sydney ..	100.0	102.3	103.0	105.9	108.8	108.8	109.7	109.8	110.0	109.8
Melbourne ..	100.0	102.2	103.9	106.4	110.5	110.5	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.4
Brisbane ..	100.0	102.9	103.3	105.8	109.2	109.4	110.2	110.3	110.9	110.7
Adelaide ..	100.0	102.9	102.9	103.9	107.1	107.2	108.1	108.2	108.0	107.6
Perth ..	100.0	101.6	103.0	105.4	108.5	108.5	109.6	109.7	110.5	110.3
Hobart ..	100.0	103.1	104.6	107.8	110.6	110.6	111.6	111.8	112.4	112.2
Six Capitals(a)	100.0	102.4	103.3	105.8	109.2	109.3	110.2	110.3	110.5	110.8
GROUP III.—RENT(b) (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES).										
Sydney ..	100.0	109.5	111.3	113.5	118.8	119.5	120.8	123.0	124.2	125.5
Melbourne ..	100.0	102.0	111.9	123.3	127.1	127.3	128.8	130.5	132.7	134.8
Brisbane ..	100.0	105.2	107.0	111.0	120.8	115.9	136.7	139.0	141.7	142.2
Adelaide ..	100.0	105.6	114.9	124.8	134.6	133.9	140.6	143.0	144.8	145.7
Perth ..	100.0	149.6	159.1	169.2	176.2	176.0	180.5	182.0	1.835	184.5
Hobart ..	100.0	109.4	126.1	151.9	160.4	161.2	164.7	166.3	168.7	173.8
Six Capitals(a)	100.0	109.6	115.5	122.5	128.4	128.2	132.2	134.2	136.0	137.4
GROUP IV.—OTHER ITEMS.(c)										
Sydney ..	100.0	100.9	103.6	121.5	124.8	124.8	124.8	125.3	125.5	125.7
Melbourne ..	100.0	101.3	109.6	116.4	117.7	117.7	118.0	119.7	127.7	127.8
Brisbane ..	100.0	104.5	110.1	117.9	120.0	120.1	121.0	121.8	125.4	125.8
Adelaide ..	100.0	99.9	103.7	107.9	111.2	111.4	111.6	112.6	112.6	113.3
Perth ..	100.0	101.9	106.4	113.7	115.8	115.8	115.9	116.4	116.6	117.1
Hobart ..	100.0	105.1	110.3	120.1	121.4	121.1	122.3	123.0	125.2	125.3
Six Capitals(a)	100.0	101.4	106.4	117.8	120.2	120.2	120.4	121.4	124.5	124.7

NOTE.—For footnotes see page 104.

Interim Retail Price Index Numbers—continued.

(Base of each Index: Year 1952-53 = 100).

City.	Year ended June, 1953.	Year ended June, 1955.	Year ended June, 1956.	Year ended June, 1957.	Year ended June, 1958.	1958.				1959.
						Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
ALL GROUPS (EXCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).										
Sydney ..	100.0	103.2	105.3	113.0	116.0	116.7	116.8	116.6	117.1	117.3
Melbourne ..	100.0	102.9	108.4	113.5	115.5	115.5	116.1	116.8	119.2	119.9
Brisbane ..	100.0	103.7	105.9	110.3	114.5	114.8	117.3	117.9	119.8	120.7
Adelaide ..	100.0	103.6	106.3	109.5	112.6	112.1	114.2	115.4	115.9	116.6
Perth ..	100.0	109.5	112.6	117.9	119.7	119.4	120.7	121.2	121.0	121.6
Hobart ..	100.0	105.6	110.6	118.0	119.7	119.7	120.6	121.3	122.8	123.0
Six Capitals(a)	100.0	103.7	107.0	113.0	115.7	115.9	116.7	117.1	118.3	118.8
ALL GROUPS (INCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).										
Sydney ..	100.0	103.1	106.1	114.1	115.7	116.4	116.4	116.2	116.9	117.3
Melbourne ..	100.0	102.7	109.5	115.1	115.6	115.5	116.0	116.7	119.4	120.3
Brisbane ..	100.0	104.0	107.1	111.7	114.5	114.9	117.3	118.0	120.0	121.1
Adelaide ..	100.0	103.6	107.2	110.9	112.5	112.1	114.0	115.2	116.0	116.8
Perth ..	100.0	109.6	112.7	118.3	119.8	119.4	120.7	121.2	121.1	121.7
Hobart ..	100.0	105.6	111.5	119.1	119.5	119.7	120.3	120.9	122.5	123.4
Six Capitals(a)	100.0	103.6	108.0	114.3	115.6	115.8	116.5	116.9	118.3	119.0

(a) Weighted average. (b) Rent.—The rent index numbers shown in the table above and elsewhere in this publication measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Rentals of new tenanted houses completed since the end of the war are not taken into account. (c) A group of items under the following headings—Electricity, Gas and Firewood; Household Sundries; Services; Cinema Admission, Radio Licence and Newspapers; Fares; and Tobacco and Cigarettes.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

NOTE.—The retail price index numbers on this and the next four pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capital Cities are made equal to 1,000.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000).

NOTE.—The index numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of rent, food and groceries, etc. since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

City.	1938.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	Dec. Qtr.	1958.				1959.
								Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	
GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES. (Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions).(a)												
Sydney	2,998	3,054	3,121	3,043	3,161	3,129	3,088	3,105	3,101
Melbourne	2,974	3,019	3,018	2,990	3,002	3,010	3,019	3,039	3,074
Brisbane	2,598	2,699	2,886	2,780	2,851	2,867	2,888	2,939	2,981
Adelaide	2,709	2,717	2,790	2,665	2,646	2,763	2,853	2,899	2,936
Perth	2,997	3,034	2,980	2,943	2,952	2,995	3,008	2,963	2,997
Hobart	3,025	3,035	3,046	3,016	3,019	3,016	3,054	3,093	3,074
Six Capitals(b)	2,923	2,973	3,021	2,955	3,012	3,018	3,017	3,037	3,057

GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES. (Including Potatoes and Onions).												
Sydney ..	904	2,721	2,871	3,160	3,045	3,084	2,997	3,125	3,087	3,044	3,081	3,099
Melbourne ..	884	2,687	2,854	3,180	3,039	3,009	2,995	2,999	2,993	2,998	3,046	3,114
Brisbane ..	838	2,451	2,526	2,719	2,648	2,816	2,689	2,788	2,782	2,820	2,874	2,945
Adelaide ..	861	2,525	2,657	2,871	2,710	2,768	2,647	2,685	2,727	2,815	2,894	2,946
Perth ..	899	2,802	2,868	3,004	3,046	2,972	2,946	2,941	2,984	2,998	2,963	3,000
Hobart ..	880	2,797	2,925	3,142	3,019	3,000	2,962	3,003	2,965	2,987	3,046	3,091
Six Capitals (b)	886	2,671	2,811	3,084	2,971	2,993	2,928	2,988	2,982	2,981	3,022	3,067

GROUP II.—RENT(c)—(4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES).												
Sydney ..	1,004	1,324	1,338	1,360	1,409	1,478	1,432	1,450	1,465	1,491	1,506	1,521
Melbourne ..	935	998	1,008	1,195	1,229	1,272	1,241	1,246	1,264	1,279	1,298	1,317
Brisbane ..	841	1,010	1,027	1,052	1,104	1,292	1,119	1,128	1,325	1,347	1,373	1,378
Adelaide ..	868	1,174	1,247	1,358	1,468	1,592	1,503	1,516	1,592	1,618	1,640	1,651
Perth ..	872	1,602	1,843	1,972	2,060	2,154	2,085	2,100	2,154	2,171	2,199	2,200
Hobart ..	913	1,271	1,275	1,692	1,816	1,923	1,848	1,876	1,917	1,935	1,965	2,024
Six Capitals (b)	942	1,192	1,226	1,325	1,380	1,460	1,400	1,412	1,455	1,476	1,495	1,510

GROUP III.—CLOTHING.												
Sydney ..	883	3,263	3,268	3,292	3,387	3,441	3,411	3,416	3,445	3,447	3,454	3,446
Melbourne ..	820	3,196	3,230	3,267	3,378	3,447	3,412	3,419	3,457	3,457	3,456	3,447
Brisbane ..	823	3,120	3,141	3,152	3,252	3,318	3,280	3,293	3,317	3,322	3,340	3,331
Adelaide ..	857	3,218	3,237	3,224	3,283	3,343	3,321	3,329	3,355	3,356	3,331	3,319
Perth ..	823	3,188	3,221	3,241	3,322	3,387	3,344	3,355	3,388	3,392	3,413	3,401
Hobart ..	848	3,238	3,261	3,309	3,404	3,463	3,424	3,429	3,465	3,468	3,489	3,478
Six Capitals (b)	829	3,218	3,237	3,261	3,357	3,418	3,386	3,393	3,424	3,426	3,429	3,420

GROUP IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.												
Sydney ..	936	2,048	2,037	2,206	2,420	2,458	2,447	2,450	2,452	2,464	2,466	2,464
Melbourne ..	932	2,090	2,129	2,309	2,382	2,459	2,400	2,401	2,401	2,448	2,585	2,584
Brisbane ..	947	1,987	2,022	2,166	2,266	2,315	2,284	2,290	2,296	2,306	2,368	2,374
Adelaide ..	1,023	2,108	2,145	2,216	2,304	2,357	2,348	2,350	2,350	2,364	2,364	2,360
Perth ..	949	2,049	2,095	2,190	2,304	2,324	2,322	2,324	2,323	2,331	2,334	2,341
Hobart ..	933	2,125	2,123	2,232	2,351	2,390	2,365	2,367	2,378	2,389	2,427	2,429
Six Capitals (b)	961	2,062	2,081	2,236	2,372	2,424	2,397	2,399	2,400	2,423	2,475	2,474

(a) Cumulative from (and including) September Quarter, 1955.
note (b) on page 104.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) See

"C" Series Retail Price Index Numbers—Capital Cities—continued.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000).

City.	1938.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	1957.	1958.				1959.
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.

ALL GROUPS.

(Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions).(a)

Sydney .. ..	..	..	..	2,525	2,618	2,677	2,630	2,677	2,676	2,671	2,682	2,682
Melbourne ..	..	..	..	2,492	2,555	2,595	2,559	2,566	2,581	2,597	2,634	2,648
Brisbane ..	..	..	..	2,272	2,361	2,495	2,402	2,432	2,492	2,508	2,547	2,562
Adelaide ..	..	..	..	2,408	2,466	2,545	2,473	2,472	2,537	2,577	2,593	2,605
Perth .. ..	..	..	..	2,653	2,726	2,748	2,708	2,718	2,753	2,764	2,758	2,771
Hobart .. ..	..	..	..	2,622	2,699	2,749	2,707	2,716	2,735	2,755	2,788	2,793
Six Capitals(b)	..	..	..	2,489	2,567	2,626	2,576	2,601	2,620	2,630	2,652	2,660

ALL GROUPS.

(Including Potatoes and Onions).

Sydney	913	2,382	2,439	2,584	2,614	2,663	2,613	2,665	2,661	2,654	2,673	2,681
Melbourne ..	896	2,288	2,365	2,567	2,562	2,590	2,560	2,564	2,574	2,588	2,635	2,662
Brisbane ..	852	2,170	2,211	2,316	2,343	2,471	2,371	2,411	2,462	2,484	2,525	2,550
Adelaide ..	888	2,277	2,354	2,466	2,463	2,536	2,465	2,466	2,522	2,563	2,591	2,609
Perth	882	2,459	2,554	2,655	2,729	2,743	2,707	2,712	2,747	2,758	2,755	2,770
Hobart	887	2,406	2,458	2,603	2,690	2,728	2,684	2,707	2,712	2,727	2,767	2,795
Six Capitals(b)	897	2,326	2,393	2,547	2,565	2,615	2,565	2,592	2,607	2,616	2,646	2,663

(a) Cumulative from (and including) September Quarter, 1955.

(b) Weighted average.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	Including Potatoes and Onions.					Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions.(a)				
	1958.				1959.	1958.				1959.
	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney	3,125	3,087	3,044	3,081	3,099	3,161	3,129	3,088	3,105	3,101
Newcastle	3,246	3,214	3,151	3,129	3,165	3,305	3,287	3,219	3,187	3,188
Broken Hill	3,209	3,176	3,157	3,233	3,318	3,258	3,253	3,233	3,278	3,316
Goulburn	3,265	3,260	3,214	3,266	3,270	3,286	3,310	3,274	3,285	3,271
Bathurst	3,175	3,157	3,091	3,103	3,152	3,203	3,209	3,173	3,162	3,179
FIVE TOWNS(b)	3,138	3,101	3,056	3,089	3,110	3,176	3,146	3,104	3,117	3,114
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne	2,999	2,993	2,998	3,046	3,114	3,002	3,010	3,019	3,039	3,074
Ballarat	3,039	3,046	3,105	3,121	3,170	3,070	3,092	3,152	3,151	3,158
Bendigo	3,083	3,078	3,086	3,130	3,187	3,108	3,120	3,127	3,144	3,170
Geelong	2,962	2,976	2,998	3,055	3,108	2,996	3,028	3,048	3,065	3,101
Warrnambool	3,131	3,123	3,130	3,161	3,198	3,164	3,163	3,172	3,189	3,200
FIVE TOWNS(b)	3,002	2,998	3,005	3,052	3,119	3,008	3,018	3,028	3,047	3,081
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane	2,788	2,782	2,820	2,874	2,945	2,851	2,867	2,888	2,939	2,981
Toowoomba	2,813	2,784	2,780	2,858	2,898	2,871	2,866	2,852	2,916	2,916
Rockhampton	2,751	2,740	2,758	2,822	2,952	2,806	2,821	2,825	2,882	2,972
Townsville	2,881	2,896	2,922	3,030	3,195	2,946	2,982	3,015	3,121	3,242
Bundaberg	2,841	2,864	2,884	2,916	2,995	2,895	2,947	2,965	2,975	3,010
FIVE TOWNS(b)	2,795	2,789	2,821	2,881	2,961	2,856	2,874	2,891	2,946	2,994
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide	2,635	2,727	2,815	2,894	2,946	2,646	2,763	2,853	2,899	2,936
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	2,708	2,784	2,846	2,879	2,904	2,717	2,823	2,886	2,881	2,896
Port Pirie	2,770	2,823	2,910	2,990	3,017	2,789	2,870	2,960	2,985	3,001
Mount Gambier	2,682	2,736	2,756	2,807	2,849	2,692	2,771	2,794	2,901	2,821
Peterborough	2,700	2,835	2,893	2,918	2,934	2,774	2,877	2,935	2,913	2,917
FIVE TOWNS(b)	2,644	2,733	2,819	2,896	2,945	2,655	2,769	2,857	2,901	2,935
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth and Fremantle	2,941	2,984	2,998	2,963	3,000	2,952	2,995	3,008	2,963	2,997
Kalgoorlie and Boulder	3,173	3,191	3,222	3,232	3,249	3,172	3,190	3,224	3,226	3,238
Northam	3,088	3,086	3,111	3,087	3,088	3,099	3,095	3,121	3,087	3,084
Bunbury	3,151	3,159	3,091	3,044	3,059	3,161	3,170	3,100	3,041	3,052
Geraldton	3,215	3,222	3,238	3,247	3,258	3,230	3,238	3,252	3,252	3,260
FIVE TOWNS(b)	2,971	3,010	3,024	2,992	3,027	2,981	3,020	3,033	2,992	3,023
TASMANIA—										
Hobart	3,003	2,965	2,987	3,046	3,091	3,019	3,016	3,054	3,093	3,074
Launceston	2,906	2,877	2,863	2,901	2,943	2,919	2,907	2,897	2,901	2,919
Burnie	2,997	2,944	2,966	2,976	3,017	2,995	2,956	2,984	2,991	2,977
Devonport	3,014	2,955	2,949	3,022	3,027	3,007	2,964	2,980	3,021	2,998
Queenstown	3,261	3,269	3,334	3,382	3,435	3,281	3,294	3,377	3,411	3,399
FIVE TOWNS(b)	2,982	2,947	2,958	3,010	3,052	2,996	2,988	3,011	3,038	3,030
THIRTY TOWNS(b)	2,995	2,989	2,987	3,028	3,073	3,020	3,027	3,026	3,045	3,065
SIX CAPITALS(b)	2,988	2,982	2,981	3,022	3,067	3,012	3,018	3,017	3,037	3,057
Lithgow (N.S.W.)(c)	3,217	3,189	3,146	3,163	3,224	3,226	3,239	3,208	3,194	3,220
Warwick (Q.)(c)	2,803	2,806	2,820	2,856	(d)	2,858	2,877	2,887	2,890	(d)
Port Augusta (S.A.)(c)	2,768	2,823	2,931	2,999	3,054	2,779	2,861	2,965	3,006	3,040
Whyalla (S.A.)(c)	2,826	2,919	2,990	3,067	3,075	2,832	2,948	3,012	3,046	3,058
Canberra (A.C.T.)(c)	3,323	3,306	3,291	3,340	3,360	3,347	3,356	3,354	3,365	3,368

(a) Cumulative from (and including) September Quarter, 1955.
In weighted averages above.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Not included

(d) Series discontinued.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

Retail Price Index Numbers—Food, Groceries, Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1954.	1955.	Including Potatoes and Onions.				Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions.(a)			
				1956.	1957.	1958.	Mar. Qtr. 1959.	1956.	1957.	1958.	Mar. Qtr. 1959.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney ..	913	2,382	2,439	2,584	2,614	2,663	2,681	2,525	2,618	2,677	2,682
Newcastle ..	877	2,324	2,395	2,531	2,558	2,606	2,607	2,474	2,570	2,629	2,616
Broken Hill ..	940	2,421	2,453	2,576	2,617	2,639	2,681	2,516	2,625	2,663	2,680
Goulburn ..	893	2,327	2,422	2,587	2,615	2,661	2,675	2,520	2,613	2,675	2,676
Bathurst ..	860	2,382	2,441	2,560	2,579	2,593	2,608	2,498	2,579	2,614	2,619
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	911	2,378	2,435	2,579	2,610	2,653	2,675	2,521	2,614	2,673	2,677
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne ..	896	2,288	2,365	2,567	2,562	2,590	2,662	2,492	2,555	2,595	2,648
Ballarat ..	850	2,272	2,340	2,529	2,525	2,561	2,618	2,462	2,527	2,575	2,614
Bendigo ..	854	2,266	2,339	2,540	2,551	2,595	2,662	2,473	2,550	2,605	2,656
Geelong ..	884	2,268	2,341	2,538	2,532	2,561	2,620	2,471	2,533	2,575	2,618
Warrnambool ..	892	2,345	2,407	2,592	2,586	2,607	2,656	2,526	2,587	2,620	2,657
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	893	2,286	2,363	2,564	2,559	2,589	2,659	2,490	2,554	2,593	2,646
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane ..	852	2,170	2,211	2,316	2,343	2,471	2,550	2,272	2,361	2,495	2,562
Toowoomba ..	843	2,191	2,247	2,356	2,371	2,449	2,497	2,309	2,391	2,473	2,504
Rockhampton ..	853	2,206	2,253	2,346	2,374	2,456	2,558	2,303	2,391	2,480	2,564
Townsville ..	902	2,284	2,333	2,434	2,462	2,564	2,700	2,393	2,482	2,594	2,714
Bundaberg ..	831	2,157	2,202	2,293	2,331	2,451	2,532	2,248	2,347	2,476	2,537
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	854	2,181	2,225	2,328	2,355	2,474	2,557	2,284	2,373	2,498	2,568
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide ..	888	2,277	2,354	2,466	2,463	2,536	2,609	2,408	2,466	2,545	2,605
Kadina, etc. ..	786	2,201	2,255	2,355	2,347	2,383	2,416	2,297	2,351	2,392	2,413
Port Pirie ..	868	2,251	2,309	2,408	2,414	2,459	2,503	2,343	2,418	2,470	2,503
Mount Gambier ..	849	2,267	2,314	2,428	2,415	2,451	2,501	2,364	2,415	2,459	2,491
Peterborough ..	868	2,255	2,330	2,428	2,412	2,460	2,499	2,366	2,413	2,478	2,492
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	883	2,274	2,348	2,460	2,457	2,526	2,596	2,401	2,459	2,536	2,593
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, etc. ..	882	2,459	2,554	2,655	2,729	2,743	2,770	2,653	2,726	2,748	2,771
Kalgoorlie, etc. ..	1,048	2,426	2,493	2,563	2,625	2,653	2,679	2,559	2,623	2,653	2,676
Northam ..	900	2,417	2,508	2,584	2,691	2,707	2,711	2,582	2,688	2,711	2,711
Bunbury ..	914	2,447	2,569	2,664	2,749	2,790	2,805	2,660	2,745	2,795	2,805
Geraldton ..	957	2,577	2,702	2,825	2,916	2,955	2,994	2,822	2,913	2,961	2,995
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	897	2,458	2,552	2,651	2,725	2,741	2,767	2,648	2,722	2,746	2,768
TASMANIA—											
Hobart ..	887	2,406	2,458	2,663	2,690	2,728	2,795	2,622	2,699	2,749	2,793
Launceston. ..	872	2,364	2,400	2,650	2,652	2,660	2,698	2,596	2,652	2,670	2,692
Burnie ..	865	2,316	2,373	2,583	2,618	2,630	2,664	2,523	2,616	2,637	2,653
Devonport ..	848	2,295	2,339	2,547	2,630	2,657	2,698	2,490	2,625	2,663	2,691
Queenstown ..	875	2,321	2,380	2,514	2,544	2,582	2,639	2,455	2,544	2,591	2,626
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	879	2,381	2,428	2,646	2,668	2,695	2,750	2,598	2,672	2,711	2,746
THIRTY TOWNS(b) ..	894	2,323	2,389	2,542	2,561	2,610	2,658	2,484	2,563	2,622	2,655
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	897	2,326	2,393	2,547	2,565	2,615	2,663	2,489	2,567	2,626	2,660
Warwick (Q.)(c) ..	800	2,178	2,218	2,312	2,326	2,416	(e)	2,264	2,339	2,437	(e)
Port Augusta (S.A.)(c) ..	863	2,235	2,300	2,413	2,419	2,451	2,513	2,353	2,417	2,458	2,506
Whyalla (S.A.)(c) ..	(d)	2,313	2,367	2,472	2,515	2,554	2,596	2,413	2,514	2,558	2,590
Canberra (A.C.T.)(c) ..	966	2,353	2,472	2,660	2,679	2,708	2,720	2,598	2,680	2,724	2,724

(a) Cumulative from (and including) September Quarter, 1955.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Not included in

weighted averages above.

(d) Not available.

(e) Series discontinued.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The "C" Series Retail Price Index and its Group Index Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.	Food and Groceries. (b)	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (c)	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Groups. (b)
Year—					
1914(d)	641	649	754	749	687
1919(d)	1,026	768	1,238	1,036	1,022
1925	998	1,008	991	992	997
1926	1,023	1,026	986	998	1,011
1927	1,000	1,030	975	1,008	1,002
1928	985	1,066	997	1,010	1,009
1929	1,044	1,073	996	1,007	1,033
1930	941	1,047	951	999	975
1931	826	901	853	973	873
1932	796	817	804	958	830
1933	751	804	787	950	804
1934	783	810	785	944	817
1935	806	839	783	946	832
1936	825	879	792	947	850
1937	851	912	811	960	873
1938	886	942	829	961	897
1939	927	965	841	962	920
1940	939	973	956	998	957
1941	947	976	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942	1,031	976	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943	1,037	975	1,440	1,160	1,131
1944	1,026	976	1,435	1,165	1,126
1945	1,034	975	1,425	1,161	1,126
1946	1,036	976	1,505	1,167	1,145
1947	1,100	977	1,566	1,199	1,188
1948	1,256	979	1,744	1,257	1,295
1949	1,394	982	1,997	1,338	1,415
1950	1,566	987	2,286	1,435	1,560
1951	2,041	1,009	2,749	1,679	1,883
1952	2,526	1,057	3,096	1,958	2,196
1953	2,641	1,138	3,223	2,053	2,302
1954	2,671	1,192	3,218	2,062	2,326
1955	2,811	1,226	3,237	2,081	2,393
1956	A 2,923 B 3,084	1,325	3,261	2,236	A 2,489 B 2,547
1957	2,973 2,971	1,380	3,357	2,372	2,567 2,565
1958	3,021 2,993	1,460	3,418	2,424	2,626 2,615
Quarter—					
1957—March ..	2,973 2,982	1,357	3,323	2,336	2,547 2,550
June ..	2,977 2,997	1,373	3,354	2,368	2,565 2,572
September ..	2,987 2,975	1,389	3,365	2,387	2,578 2,574
December ..	2,955 2,928	1,400	3,386	2,397	2,576 2,565
1958—March ..	3,012 2,988	1,412	3,393	2,399	2,601 2,592
June ..	3,018 2,982	1,455	3,424	2,400	2,620 2,607
September ..	3,017 2,981	1,476	3,426	2,423	2,630 2,616
December ..	3,037 3,022	1,495	3,429	2,475	2,652 2,646
1959—March ..	3,057 3,067	1,510	3,420	2,474	2,660 2,663

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of food and groceries and rent, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000.

(b) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, (as from September quarter, 1955), and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.

(c) See note (b) on page 104.

(d) November.

**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15TH OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED.
NEW SOUTH WALES—QUARTER ENDED MARCH, 1959.**

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Item.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, etc.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ^(b) ..	2 lb.	15.80	15.80	15.80	16.00	16.00	16.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Flour, plain ..	"	18.25	18.25	18.25	16.88	16.88	16.88	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.00	15.00	15.00
" self-raising ..	"	22.30	22.30	22.35	21.86	21.86	21.86	19.50	19.70	19.50	23.70	23.60	23.40	22.20	22.10	22.10
Tea ..	lb.	78.70	78.70	78.70	79.36	79.36	79.36	78.63	79.20	79.20	80.10	80.10	80.30	78.10	78.30	79.30
Sugar ..	"	10.10	10.10	10.10	10.96	10.96	10.96	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.70	10.70	10.70
Rice ..	"	11.88	11.88	11.88	12.33	12.33	12.33	12.75	12.75	12.75	13.10	13.10	13.10	12.50	12.50	12.50
Tapioca, seed ..	"	16.89	16.89	16.89	15.50	15.50	15.50	13.13	13.50	13.50	15.83	15.83	15.83	15.20	15.80	15.80
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	38.00	37.25	35.85	37.14	37.07	36.57	32.83	33.38	32.13	38.70	37.90	37.70	37.60	35.80	35.80
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	21.05	21.05	21.05	22.43	22.43	22.43	23.80	23.60	23.60	23.60	23.60	23.60	22.40	22.40	22.50
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	11.74	11.74	11.74	12.55	12.42	11.84	11.92	11.92	11.92	12.81	12.81	12.81	12.27	12.27	12.27
Raisins, seeded ..	"	32.17	32.17	32.17	32.13	32.17	32.17	32.38	32.20	32.20	34.50	34.50	34.50	32.70	32.50	32.50
Currants ..	"	27.83	27.50	27.50	28.83	28.83	28.83	26.25	26.67	26.67	27.55	27.22	27.22	27.83	27.83	27.83
Apricots, dried ..	"	80.63	75.67	74.50	69.00	69.00	73.25	66.00	64.00	64.80	73.25	73.25	73.25	71.00	71.00	73.00
Peaches, canned ..	20 oz.	47.05	46.95	44.80	44.57	44.57	44.14	41.50	41.75	41.75	49.90	49.90	46.90	46.00	46.00	44.20
Pears, canned ..	"	44.45	44.35	43.40	42.86	42.86	42.86	40.38	42.50	42.50	47.60	47.60	45.60	43.60	43.60	42.10
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	44.37	44.61	47.75	42.58	44.92	50.75	41.50	52.60	51.10	46.00	43.60	44.80	36.05	36.75	35.88
Onions, brown ..	lb.	8.30	8.10	8.30	9.00	8.58	8.67	8.33	8.67	8.67	8.30	8.40	8.40	9.00	9.00	9.88
Soap ..	"	19.84	19.34	19.34	18.76	18.76	19.05	20.54	20.54	20.54	20.53	20.53	20.67	19.27	19.27	19.33
Kerosene ..	quart	9.21	9.21	9.21	8.96	8.96	8.96	10.30	10.38	10.38	10.44	10.44	10.44	10.32	10.32	10.32
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	55.65	55.65	55.65	55.86	55.86	55.86	57.13	56.90	56.90	57.60	57.60	57.60	55.40	55.40	55.40
Cheese, mild ..	"	42.17	42.17	42.17	40.88	40.88	40.88	45.00	45.33	45.33	42.88	42.88	43.13	43.00	43.00	43.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	72.00	78.00	78.00	72.00	78.00	78.00	66.50	72.75	76.80	72.00	78.00	78.00	72.00	78.00	78.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	79.71	79.71	78.86	80.50	80.50	79.70	73.50	73.50	73.50	76.88	76.88	76.88	73.25	73.25	73.25
Milk, condensed ..	14 oz. tin	24.65	24.65	24.65	24.93	25.07	25.00	26.20	26.30	26.30	25.80	25.80	25.90	23.80	24.00	24.00
" fresh, loose ^(b) ..	quart	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" bottled ^(b) ..	"	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	..	..	..	24.00	24.00	24.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Quarterly Average.					Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.		48.70			49.00			46.29			49.60			47.33	
" rib (without bone) ..	"		37.17			37.85			36.14			37.73			38.33	
" steak, rump ..	"		65.03			66.00			61.14			66.20			63.50	
" chuck ..	"		33.27			34.57			35.62			35.47			32.00	
" sausages ..	"		23.50			25.71			23.43			23.40			24.00	
" (corned) silver-side ..	"		38.93			41.29			41.86			39.00			38.50	
" " brisket ..	"		26.57			25.14			34.15			30.60			30.83	
Mutton, leg ..	"		22.63			28.43			31.14			30.89			28.67	
" forequarter ..	"		14.66			14.33			18.57			19.22			18.83	
" loin ..	"		23.20			25.33			34.71			30.89			29.50	
" chops, loin ..	"		23.47			26.19			36.20			30.89			30.00	
" " leg ..	"		24.73			27.48			35.14			30.89			30.00	
Pork, leg ..	"		59.17			57.00			57.86			58.17			58.50	
" loin ..	"		59.03			55.29			57.86			58.17			58.83	
" chops ..	"		58.77			56.14			59.14			58.17			60.00	

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

PRICES.

**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15TH OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED.
VICTORIA—QUARTER ENDED MARCH, 1959.**

Item.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, etc.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ^(b) ..	2 lb.	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.50	18.50	18.50
Flour, plain ..	"	12.42	12.42	12.42	12.60	12.60	12.60	13.00	13.17	13.33	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.40
" self-raising ..	"	20.80	20.85	20.85	21.80	22.00	21.60	21.92	22.00	22.00	21.50	21.50	21.50	23.00	23.00	23.00
Tea ..	lb.	79.25	79.25	79.25	81.00	80.80	80.80	80.92	80.92	80.92	79.75	79.75	79.75	82.20	82.20	82.20
Sugar ..	"	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.47	10.47	10.47	10.70	10.70	10.70	10.08	10.08	10.08	10.76	10.76	10.76
Rice ..	"	11.80	11.80	11.80	12.20	12.20	11.88	12.40	12.40	12.40	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.60	13.60	13.60
Tapioea, seed ..	"	13.56	13.56	13.56	12.38	12.38	12.25	14.42	14.42	14.25	13.25	13.25	13.25	12.88	12.88	12.88
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	30.69	30.50	30.50	32.60	32.50	31.40	32.92	32.92	32.75	31.50	31.50	31.50	34.00	33.38	33.13
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	20.55	20.55	20.55	22.10	22.10	21.90	22.50	22.50	22.50	20.75	20.75	20.75	23.80	23.80	23.80
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	10.35	10.35	10.35	11.59	11.59	11.59	11.59	11.59	11.59	10.20	10.20	10.20	12.09	12.09	12.09
Raisins, seeded ..	"	30.83	30.83	30.83	31.00	31.00	30.50	32.50	32.50	32.50	30.88	30.38	30.38	32.20	32.20	32.20
Currants ..	"	27.25	27.25	27.25	27.00	27.00	27.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	26.50	26.50	26.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	69.00	69.00	65.50	66.00	66.00	66.00	70.50	70.50	69.80	65.71	65.71	65.71	69.00	69.00	69.00
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	40.90	40.75	39.40	41.50	40.50	37.90	40.17	39.67	38.60	40.50	40.50	40.00	43.30	43.30	41.50
Pears, canned ..	"	36.50	36.50	36.10	37.80	38.20	36.00	36.00	36.90	33.08	38.13	37.88	37.38	40.90	40.90	39.90
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	42.79	46.50	52.00	35.60	37.40	42.00	44.17	45.67	46.67	35.88	35.00	43.17	29.30	31.10	37.70
Onions, brown ..	lb.	7.52	7.53	7.50	6.75	6.75	6.38	7.67	7.67	8.00	5.25	5.25	5.50	5.25	5.25	5.75
Soap ..	"	19.24	19.24	19.30	19.75	19.67	19.59	19.67	19.67	19.67	18.67	18.67	18.67	20.33	20.60	20.67
Kerosene ..	quart	8.81	8.81	8.81	9.81	9.81	9.83	10.13	10.28	10.28	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.19	10.29	10.25
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	55.60	55.60	55.60	56.90	56.90	56.90	55.33	55.33	55.33	55.63	55.63	55.63	55.30	54.90	54.90
Cheese, mild ..	"	40.75	40.75	40.75	43.60	43.60	42.80	42.17	42.17	42.17	40.50	40.50	40.50	42.00	42.00	42.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	69.50	75.50	75.60	70.00	76.40	75.80	70.00	75.00	76.00	69.50	76.00	76.00	69.80	76.00	76.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	80.43	80.43	80.43	76.10	76.10	76.10	81.40	81.40	81.40	78.75	78.75	78.75	80.40	80.40	80.40
Milk, condensed ..	14 oz. tin	22.50	22.65	22.65	24.30	24.30	23.50	24.08	24.08	24.25	23.13	23.13	23.13	23.70	23.70	23.90
" fresh, loose ^(b) ..	quart	18.50	18.50	18.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
" " bottled ^(b) ..	"	18.50	18.50	18.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.50	19.50	19.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.00	18.00	18.00
Meat—		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	46.13			45.20			42.71			42.27			42.00		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	44.30			41.83			43.14			45.58			43.00		
" steak, rump ..	"	68.17			71.00			62.00			68.60			65.80		
" chuck ..	"	35.33			40.00			35.38			37.40			36.60		
" sausages ..	"	23.17			25.67			23.91			23.87			23.00		
" (corned) silver-side ..	"	45.30			45.17			42.38			45.13			43.00		
" brisket ..	"	31.77			34.33			33.10			35.33			31.80		
Mutton, leg ..	"	25.58			30.00			31.60			28.07			33.80		
" forequarter ..	"	17.38			16.00			16.40			16.80			21.20		
" loin ..	"	25.50			28.33			31.20			27.73			33.80		
" chops, loin ..	"	26.00			30.00			31.60			28.67			34.40		
" leg ..	"	29.08			31.00			31.20			28.93			35.50		
Pork, leg ..	"	58.20			58.00			56.67			58.73			58.50		
" loin ..	"	59.97			58.00			60.00			59.27			58.50		
" chops ..	"	59.67			58.00			60.50			59.47			58.50		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15TH OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED.
QUEENSLAND—QUARTER ENDED MARCH, 1959.**

Item.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, etc.—																
Bread ^(b) ..	2 lb.	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Flour, plain ..	"	11.25	11.25	11.35	11.36	11.57	11.57	13.79	13.50	13.50	14.30	14.30	14.30	12.50	12.50	12.50
" self-raising ..	"	19.90	19.90	19.72	20.80	20.80	20.80	22.36	21.93	21.93	23.00	23.00	23.00	22.20	22.20	22.20
Tea ..	lb.	77.70	77.70	77.70	77.00	77.00	77.00	78.57	78.57	78.57	80.30	80.30	80.30	79.00	79.00	79.00
Sugar ..	"	9.93	9.93	9.93	10.38	10.38	10.38	10.28	10.28	10.28	11.50	11.50	11.50	9.95	9.95	9.95
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.92	12.92	12.92	12.92	12.92	12.92	12.90	12.63	12.63	13.00	13.00	13.00
Tapioca, seed ..	"	14.78	14.78	14.89	14.50	14.50	14.40	15.70	16.00	16.00	16.17	15.75	15.75	14.67	14.67	14.67
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	33.70	33.70	33.45	33.50	33.00	33.00	35.64	35.14	35.14	35.00	35.00	35.00	36.30	35.90	35.90
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	19.00	19.00	18.95	20.86	20.86	20.86	22.50	22.64	22.64	24.40	24.40	24.40	19.80	19.80	19.80
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	12.49	12.49	12.49	12.84	12.84	12.84	12.69	12.69	12.69	12.42	12.42	12.42	13.30	13.30	13.30
Raisins, seeded ..	"	30.30	30.30	30.30	31.25	31.42	31.80	31.36	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50
Currants ..	"	25.77	25.77	25.77	27.33	27.83	29.25	28.04	28.04	28.04	29.25	29.25	29.25	29.00	29.00	29.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	62.25	62.25	69.00	61.00	61.00	61.38	67.00	67.00	66.00	69.75	69.75	69.75	65.50	65.50	66.00
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	44.10	44.10	43.40	45.21	45.79	44.33	46.36	46.36	44.79	45.20	45.70	44.10	45.90	45.50	43.10
Pears, canned ..	"	41.90	41.90	41.80	43.43	43.14	42.42	43.14	43.14	43.57	41.70	43.30	42.70	41.90	41.90	41.80
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	51.45	46.55	48.90	42.57	43.86	39.57	52.07	52.07	53.29	50.20	49.40	49.80	55.60	54.80	56.20
Onions, brown ..	lb.	6.70	7.85	7.55	6.79	7.75	8.07	7.86	8.14	8.21	7.90	8.10	8.20	7.50	8.60	8.80
Soap ..	"	18.60	18.60	19.10	19.00	19.00	19.57	18.57	18.72	19.28	18.60	18.60	19.00	18.87	19.00	19.27
Kerosene ..	quart	8.81	8.81	8.81	9.81	9.81	9.81	10.53	10.45	10.45	9.74	9.74	9.74	10.95	10.95	10.95
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	55.85	55.85	55.85	55.29	55.29	55.29	55.71	55.71	55.71	56.20	56.20	56.20	55.90	55.90	55.90
Cheese, mild ..	"	36.11	36.78	36.78	36.33	36.67	36.67	41.14	41.14	41.14	42.70	42.70	42.70	38.88	38.88	38.88
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	71.80	73.80	73.80	62.43	65.00	66.33	69.00	70.17	70.17	75.75	81.00	81.00	69.40	71.40	72.20
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	74.17	74.17	73.92	67.20	67.60	67.60	70.00	70.00	72.00	71.25	71.25	72.00	72.50	72.50	73.50
Milk, condensed ..	14 oz. tin	24.40	24.40	24.40	25.07	25.07	25.07	25.21	25.21	25.14	24.70	24.70	24.70	25.30	25.30	25.30
" fresh, loose ^(b) ..	quart				17.00	17.00	17.00				19.50	19.50	20.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
" " bottled ^(b) ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00						
Quarterly Average.																
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.		44.57			42.89			40.76			45.40			39.33	
" rib (without bone) ..	"		37.40			36.11			33.95			38.33			32.53	
" steak, rump ..	"		53.97			52.56			49.95			54.33			48.40	
" chuck ..	"		30.60			29.17			27.00			31.33			25.67	
" sausages ..	"		24.73			24.61			24.86			25.00			24.53	
" (corned) silver-side ..	"		41.93			40.22			37.05			43.33			35.93	
" brisket ..	"		29.97			28.89			26.00			31.33			24.67	
Mutton, leg ..	"		25.57			26.22			27.86			33.40			33.00	
" forequarter ..	"		12.03			14.39			13.86			16.67			16.00	
" loin ..	"		25.30			24.56			26.29			31.67			31.80	
" chops, loin ..	"		25.90			26.06			28.71			33.87			33.00	
" leg ..	"		25.87			25.83			27.86			33.60			33.00	
Pork, leg ..	"		53.60			43.33			45.86			53.20			45.60	
" loin ..	"		52.80			43.33			44.57			51.00			42.00	
" chops ..	"		52.80			43.33			44.57			51.00			44.40	

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15TH OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—QUARTER ENDED MARCH, 1959.**

Item.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIRIE.			MOUNT GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, etc.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	15.50	15.50	15.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	(c)15.50	(c)15.50	(c)15.50
Flour, plain ..	"	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.93	11.93	11.93	11.33	11.33	11.33	12.50	12.50	12.50
" self-raising ..	"	17.95	17.95	17.95	18.83	19.00	19.00	19.29	19.29	19.29	17.80	17.80	17.80	19.50	19.50	19.75
" ..	lb.	78.40	78.40	78.40	79.25	79.25	79.25	79.50	79.50	79.50	79.90	79.90	79.90	79.75	79.75	79.75
Sugar ..	"	9.98	9.98	9.98	10.46	10.46	10.45	10.50	10.50	10.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.50	10.50	10.50
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.67	12.67	12.67	12.93	12.93	12.93	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.00	13.00	13.00
Tapioca, seed ..	"	10.50	10.50	10.50	11.38	11.38	11.38	11.43	11.43	11.43	11.33	11.67	11.67	12.00	12.00	12.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	32.61	32.61	32.61	34.58	34.58	34.58	34.20	34.20	34.20	32.63	32.63	32.63	34.38	34.38	34.38
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	20.05	20.05	20.05	21.33	21.33	21.33	21.57	21.57	21.57	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.13	22.13	22.13
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.80	10.80	10.80	10.67	10.67	10.67	11.08	11.08	11.08	11.58	11.58	11.58
Raisins, seeded ..	"	33.50	33.50	33.50	34.58	34.58	34.58	34.50	34.50	34.50	33.90	34.10	34.10	34.50	34.50	34.50
Currants ..	"	28.50	28.50	28.50	29.17	29.17	29.17	29.50	29.50	29.50	29.33	29.33	29.33	29.33	29.33	29.33
Apricots, dried ..	"	69.00	69.00	69.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.63	69.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.17	70.17
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	45.53	45.56	43.22	47.25	47.25	44.75	47.93	47.93	47.07	46.30	45.70	44.50	48.13	48.13	44.88
Pears, canned ..	"	40.60	40.60	40.60	42.08	42.08	41.75	42.36	42.36	42.36	43.90	44.00	42.80	42.13	42.13	42.13
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	36.40	38.00	40.40	40.83	42.00	47.67	42.21	40.79	49.36	37.63	39.38	42.88	44.25	40.67	49.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	7.25	7.25	8.00	8.56	8.56	9.45	8.00	7.88	8.10	6.33	6.33	7.00	7.50	6.17	6.83
Soap ..	"	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.78	19.61	19.61	19.14	19.14	19.14	19.40	19.40	19.40	20.00	19.92	19.92
Kerosene ..	quart	8.42	8.42	8.42	9.13	9.13	9.13	9.07	9.07	9.07	9.50	9.53	9.53	9.25	9.25	9.25
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	55.65	55.65	55.65	57.42	57.42	57.42	57.50	57.50	57.50	55.70	55.70	55.70	56.50	56.50	56.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.90	36.90	36.90	38.00	38.00	38.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	37.00	37.00	37.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	63.70	69.85	71.89	39.83	46.67	50.83	40.00	47.00	50.50	49.60	54.20	61.00	39.50	47.00	50.50
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	67.94	67.94	67.94	69.00	69.00	69.00	67.50	67.50	67.50	69.50	69.50	69.50	69.00	69.00	69.00
Milk, condensed ..	14 oz. tin	25.50	25.50	25.50	26.17	26.17	26.17	26.29	26.29	26.29	24.90	25.00	25.00	26.50	26.50	26.50
" fresh, loose(b) ..	quart	17.50	17.50	17.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	"	"	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	18.50	18.50	18.50
" " bottled(b) ..	"	19.00	19.00	19.00	"	"	"	20.00	20.00	20.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	"	"	"
		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.		38.23			32.28			38.00			33.07			32.00	
" rib (without bone) ..	"		41.33			36.14			42.00			37.07			35.00	
" steak, rump ..	"		61.03			57.05			60.48			55.73			58.67	
" " chuck ..	"		35.23			33.62			35.86			30.67			36.00	
" sausages ..	"		21.11			21.00			24.00			20.67			20.67	
" (corned) silver-side ..	"		44.40			41.14			43.52			38.80			42.34	
" " brisket ..	"		32.37			31.04			32.86			27.40			30.00	
Mutton, leg ..	"		26.43			23.43			25.62			24.07			23.33	
" forequarter ..	"		13.73			12.05			14.62			11.13			11.67	
" loin ..	"		25.30			22.48			25.67			24.07			24.33	
" chops, loin ..	"		25.57			23.10			26.62			24.20			25.67	
" " leg ..	"		26.70			23.48			26.62			24.27			24.67	
Pork, leg ..	"		54.60			41.86			47.29			46.07			48.22	
" loin ..	"		54.47			42.00			47.57			46.07			44.22	
" chops ..	"		54.47			43.29			47.57			47.07			46.22	

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(b) Delivered.

(c) Not delivered.

Prices.

**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15TH OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—QUARTER ENDED MARCH, 1959.**

Item.	Unit.	PERTH.			KALGOORLIE.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, etc.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	16.50	16.50	16.50	(c)16.00	(c)16.00	(c)16.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Flour, plain ..	"	13.88	13.63	13.63	15.83	15.83	15.83	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" self-raising ..	"	20.50	21.00	21.00	24.42	24.67	24.75	22.25	22.50	22.50	22.20	22.40	22.40	22.10	22.30	22.30
Tea ..	lb.	77.25	77.25	77.25	83.83	83.83	83.83	78.50	78.50	78.50	81.70	81.70	81.70	82.00	82.00	82.00
Sugar ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.29	11.29	11.29	10.52	10.52	10.52	10.68	10.68	10.68	10.93	10.93	10.93
Rice ..	"	11.83	11.83	11.83	14.00	14.00	14.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.88	12.88	12.88
Tapioca, seed ..	"	15.00	15.50	15.50	16.70	17.38	17.38	13.67	13.67	13.67	13.33	13.33	13.33	16.75	16.75	16.75
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	36.05	35.85	35.85	38.60	38.50	38.50	34.75	34.75	34.75	37.83	37.83	37.83	40.00	37.33	37.00
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	21.10	21.10	21.10	25.50	25.50	25.50	22.75	22.75	22.75	23.20	23.30	23.30	23.80	23.80	23.80
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	12.47	12.47	12.29	13.87	13.87	13.87	12.77	12.77	12.77	13.08	13.08	13.08	13.75	13.75	13.75
Raisins, seeded ..	"	32.50	33.41	33.41	36.25	35.94	35.94	31.83	32.88	32.88	33.83	33.83	33.83	35.63	35.63	35.18
Currants ..	"	27.10	26.85	26.85	31.75	31.58	31.58	29.00	28.67	29.00	29.33	29.33	29.33	32.00	31.80	31.80
Apricots, dried ..	"	70.50	70.50	70.50	75.50	75.50	75.50	71.00	71.00	71.00	69.00	69.00	69.00	78.00	78.00	78.00
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	43.50	44.90	44.20	54.83	53.83	53.83	41.88	39.75	39.75	48.63	48.63	48.63	47.10	47.10	47.10
Pears, canned ..	"	39.65	41.75	40.45	49.67	49.67	49.67	43.13	43.13	43.13	45.13	45.13	45.13	42.40	42.40	42.40
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	39.43	39.43	39.36	42.83	43.08	43.08	42.75	42.75	42.75	38.70	38.90	38.70	41.60	41.60	41.60
Onions, brown ..	lb.	7.56	7.56	7.56	8.17	8.00	8.33	8.50	8.00	8.00	8.70	8.70	8.70	8.80	9.00	9.00
Soap ..	"	19.70	19.70	19.70	21.33	21.33	21.33	20.42	20.42	20.42	20.54	20.54	20.54	20.80	20.80	20.80
Kerosene ..	quart	13.34	13.34	13.34	15.65	15.65	15.92	14.83	14.83	14.83	14.97	14.97	14.97	16.19	16.19	15.94
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.80	54.80	54.80	60.00	60.00	60.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	58.00	58.00	58.00	58.00	58.00	57.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	47.30	47.30	47.30	48.25	48.42	48.42	46.38	46.38	46.63	46.83	46.83	46.83	47.70	47.80	47.80
Eggs, grade 1a ..	doz.	63.80	63.80	63.80	59.67	59.67	68.00	64.00	64.00	64.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00
Bacon rashers ..	lb.	70.17	69.67	69.67	73.25	73.25	73.25	67.33	66.00	66.00	72.67	72.00	72.00	73.60	73.60	73.20
Milk, condensed ..	14 oz. tin	23.00	23.00	22.60	26.00	25.50	25.58	23.63	23.63	23.25	25.38	25.13	25.13	25.40	25.40	25.40
" fresh, loose(b) ..	quart	"	"	"	24.00	24.00	24.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
" " bottled(b) ..	"	19.00	19.00	19.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	27.00	27.00	27.00
Meat—		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	42.85			40.00			42.45			42.80			46.00		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	42.20			41.43			42.89			40.40			45.33		
" steak, rump ..	"	59.57			57.90			60.00			58.80			57.00		
" chuck ..	"	36.60			37.71			37.33			38.80			42.00		
" sausages ..	"	22.82			26.57			26.33			27.00			24.67		
" (corned) silver-side ..	"	41.23			39.05			42.33			41.40			45.67		
" brisket ..	"	29.40			29.86			34.67			31.07			38.00		
Mutton, leg ..	"	26.73			30.86			26.00			26.47			30.33		
" forequarter ..	"	15.57			15.00			16.78			15.80			21.00		
" loin ..	"	24.43			29.14			27.00			25.33			27.67		
" chops, loin ..	"	24.43			29.14			27.33			26.60			27.67		
" leg ..	"	24.47			29.14			28.00			25.93			29.00		
Pork, leg ..	"	54.18			48.29			48.00			46.40			51.78		
" loin ..	"	53.90			53.43			44.33			46.00			51.33		
" chops ..	"	53.90			53.43			45.00			46.73			51.33		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

(c) Not delivered.

**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15TH OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED.
TASMANIA—QUARTER ENDED MARCH, 1959.**

Item.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, etc.—																
Bread ^(b) ..	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Flour, plain ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
" self-raising ..	"	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.71	12.71	12.71	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.20	13.20	13.20	14.00	14.00	14.00
Tea ..	lb.	22.06	22.06	22.06	21.63	21.63	21.63	22.88	22.75	22.75	22.30	22.30	22.30	23.17	23.17	23.17
Sugar ..	"	83.45	83.45	83.45	83.86	83.86	83.86	84.50	84.50	84.50	84.60	84.60	84.60	85.00	85.00	85.00
Rice ..	"	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.55	10.55	10.55	10.75	10.75	10.75
Tapioca, seed ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.88	11.88	11.88	12.50	12.50	12.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	14.57	14.57	14.57	14.93	14.93	14.79	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.33	16.33	16.33	18.33	18.33	18.33
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	35.95	35.65	35.55	36.00	36.00	35.57	37.30	37.30	37.30	36.60	36.10	36.10	37.50	37.50	37.13
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	22.85	22.85	22.85	22.86	22.86	22.86	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.30	23.30	23.30	24.00	24.00	24.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.93	13.03	13.03	13.20	13.20	12.97	13.24	13.24	13.24	13.33	13.33	13.33	13.65	13.65	13.65
Currants ..	"	32.95	32.95	32.95	34.29	34.29	34.21	34.80	34.80	34.80	34.70	34.70	34.70	35.00	35.00	35.63
Apricots, dried ..	"	28.50	28.50	28.50	30.67	30.67	30.67	31.50	31.50	31.50	29.00	29.00	29.00	30.50	30.50	32.00
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	67.67	67.67	67.67	74.50	74.50	74.50	71.00	71.00	71.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	73.25	73.25	73.25
Pears, canned ..	"	49.50	49.00	49.00	49.71	49.71	49.36	49.10	49.10	49.10	48.30	48.20	47.70	53.25	53.25	53.38
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	50.80	50.80	50.80	51.14	51.14	50.50	50.30	50.30	50.30	47.10	47.10	46.80	53.63	53.63	53.63
Onions, brown ..	lb.	59.50	52.50	48.13	42.00	41.00	40.00	45.00	44.80	43.40	40.25	40.25	38.75	53.75	47.50	49.50
Soap ..	lb.	9.88	9.88	9.56	9.20	9.00	9.00	11.20	11.20	11.20	12.25	12.00	12.00	11.00	10.50	10.50
Kerosene ..	quart	19.27	19.27	19.23	19.14	19.14	19.14	19.54	19.54	19.54	19.74	19.74	19.74	20.00	20.00	20.00
Dairy Produce—		13.42	13.42	13.42	13.66	13.66	13.66	14.52	14.52	14.52	13.83	13.83	13.83	11.88	11.88	11.88
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.90	54.90	54.90	55.14	55.14	55.14	58.50	58.50	58.50	56.40	56.40	56.40	57.50	57.50	57.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	42.32	42.32	42.32	41.73	41.73	41.73	42.32	42.32	42.32	42.32	42.32	42.32	44.08	44.08	44.08
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	69.10	69.10	69.10	66.86	66.86	69.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	69.00	69.00	69.00	71.25	71.25	71.25
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	73.25	73.25	73.25	74.00	73.71	73.71	76.20	76.20	76.80	74.00	74.00	74.00	76.67	76.67	76.67
Milk, condensed ..	14 oz. tin	25.10	25.10	25.10	24.86	24.86	24.86	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.10	25.10	25.10	26.00	26.00	26.00
" fresh, loose ^(b) ..	quart	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	28.00	28.00	28.00
" bottled ^(b) ..	"	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	28.00	28.00	28.00
		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.		44.70			38.72			40.00			40.60			47.00	
" rib (without bone) ..	"		42.93			37.67			40.00			39.00			49.00	
" steak, rump ..	"		64.47			57.50			53.33			55.00			63.00	
" chuck ..	"		35.30			33.33			32.25			35.40			43.00	
" sausages ..	"		23.70			23.00			24.00			25.20			24.00	
" (corned) silver-side ..	"		44.70			40.33			41.50			42.00			48.00	
" brisket ..	"		32.20			28.67			26.25			31.20			35.00	
Mutton, leg ..	"		28.17			24.00			22.50			25.00			31.50	
" forequarter ..	"		13.17			11.25			12.00			12.00			24.00	
" loin ..	"		19.50			19.50			22.00			15.53			28.50	
" chops, loin ..	"		19.94			21.00			23.50			26.11			28.50	
" leg ..	"		23.28			22.50			23.50			26.11			28.50	
Pork, leg ..	"		54.10			48.00			45.00			44.80			57.00	
" loin ..	"		54.27			48.17			45.75			44.80			57.00	
" chops ..	"		54.57			48.67			46.25			45.40			57.00	

^(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

^(b) Delivered.

**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING ON THE 15TH OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED,
CANBERRA—QUARTER ENDED MARCH, 1959.**

Item.	Unit.	January.	February.	March.
		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Groceries, etc.—				
Bread ^(b)	2 lb.	19.00	19.00	19.00
Flour, plain	"	18.00	18.00	18.00
" self-raising	"	23.65	23.65	23.65
Tea	lb.	77.95	78.15	78.15
Sugar	"	11.00	11.00	11.00
Rice	"	13.00	13.00	13.00
Tapioca, seed	"	17.00	16.86	16.86
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	39.06	39.06	39.06
Golden Syrup	2 lb.	24.00	24.00	24.00
Oats, flaked	lb.	13.12	13.12	13.12
Raisins, seeded	"	33.28	33.28	33.28
Currants	"	31.00	31.00	31.00
Apricots, dried	"	76.25	76.25	76.25
Peaches, canned	29 oz.	48.35	48.35	48.35
Pears, canned	"	47.45	47.45	47.45
Potatoes	7 lb.	46.37	43.75	45.50
Onions, brown	lb.	9.14	8.57	8.29
Soap	"	20.47	20.47	20.47
Kerosene	quart	11.25	11.25	11.25
Dairy Produce—				
Butter, factory	lb.	55.05	55.05	55.05
Cheese, mild	"	43.00	43.00	43.00
Eggs, new laid	doz.	75.80	80.55	81.75
Bacon, rashers	lb.	83.80	84.90	84.90
Milk, condensed	14 oz. tin	25.20	25.20	25.10
" fresh, bottled ^(b)	quart	25.00	25.00	25.00
Meat—		Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin	lb.	48.80		
" rib (without bone)	"	38.73		
" steak, rump	"	66.50		
" " chuck	"	32.70		
" sausages	"	23.93		
" (corned) silverside	"	43.27		
" " brisket	"	31.67		
Mutton, leg	"	31.40		
" forequarter	"	18.87		
" loin	"	31.03		
" chops, loin	"	31.23		
" " leg	"	31.23		
Pork, leg	"	64.70		
" loin	"	64.70		
" chops	"	64.70		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (a)	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (b)	Goods principally Home Produced. (a)	Total All Groups. (a)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1941-42 ..	117	151	118	137	135	135	133	116	153	112	124
1942-43 ..	129	167	147	142	138	163	149	126	176	120	136
1943-44 ..	131	170	150	143	140	174	153	130	182	122	140
1944-45 ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	132	182	124	141
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	136	178	127	142
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	139	177	130	144
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	154	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	174	201	172	180
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	196	223	196	204
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	229	256	240	244
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	276	288	300	297
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	293	292	331	319
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	308	271	339	319
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	323	415	345	325	292	352	334
1956-57 ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	324	311	357	344
1957-58 ..	398	238	437	349	280	453	355	325	301	355	339
1956-57—											
January ..	412	240	533	344	307	467	369	321	316	354	343
February ..	409	244	544	344	293	467	370	324	318	356	345
March ..	407	244	532	344	296	467	368	324	315	356	344
April ..	407	244	547	344	289	467	369	324	313	358	344
May ..	403	244	548	344	289	467	367	317	311	352	340
June ..	402	240	527	345	283	467	365	323	307	360	345
1957-58—											
July ..	399	240	524	353	283	467	364	333	305	365	347
August ..	401	240	495	353	283	467	363	339	306	368	350
September ..	401	240	490	353	285	457	361	334	303	365	346
October ..	398	240	454	353	295	457	358	322	304	353	338
November ..	398	240	444	346	297	457	357	314	308	345	334
December ..	399	236	419	346	293	457	355	319	304	348	335
January ..	400	236	424	347	278	458	355	318	302	349	335
February ..	397	236	434	347	273	458	355	320	301	350	336
March ..	398	236	404	347	278	458	353	323	301	351	337
April ..	395	236	389	346	277	458	351	321	301	349	335
May ..	393	236	384	346	263	420	343	330	290	355	336
June ..	394	236	387	346	254	420	343	332	290	357	337
1958-59—											
July ..	394	231	387	327	249	420	339	332	285	357	336
August ..	394	231	358	327	244	420	338	338	285	360	338
September ..	394	231	358	327	244	432	340	337	283	361	338
October ..	394	231	341	327	243	432	339	330	282	356	334
November ..	394	232	344	327	254	425	338	326	282	352	332
December ..	390	231	337	327	267	420	336	322	282	348	328
January ..	391	231	333	327	263	422	336	320	280	347	327
February ..	392	231	346	327	254	422	338	328	281	354	332
March ..	390	232	353	327	326	422	340	341	282	365	340

(a) Reconstructed to exclude potatoes and onions as from base period. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual indexes shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the indexes therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The indexes for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The indexes shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary indexes for 1957-58 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1936-37	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39	88	87	105	92	79	96
1946-47	194	182	157	185	187	185
1947-48	267	263	183	247	301	230
1948-49	234	313	197	260	366	225
1949-50	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950-51	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951-52	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53	364	531	387	440	623	379
1953-54	324	534	395	429	621	365
1954-55	316	489	371	401	540	355
1955-56	330	451	392	397	468	373
1956-57	336	536	386	432	607	374
1957-58(a)	336	435	398	392	473	365

(a) Preliminary estimate.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. The index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity. (Average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.)

RECENT TRENDS.

Reference to the group indexes shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 45.63 per cent. of the base aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups Index. For purposes of comparison the combined effect of price movements in these other components is shown separately in the column "All Groups excluding Wool".

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production, in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat	Butter	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.		
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	Ex- clud- ing Wool.	Total All Groups.
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate	45.63 49.05 ..	17.06 18.34 31.38	11.36 12.21 20.89	6.83 7.34 12.55	6.63 7.13 12.20	2.40 2.58 4.42	1.81 1.94 3.32	0.64 0.69 1.18	0.66 0.72 1.22	6.98 .. 12.84	.. 100.00 ..	.. 100.00 ..	100.00
1936-37	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	108	115
1937-38	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	98	102	105	102	102
1938-39	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	87	83
1949-50	473	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	164	399	308	383
1950-51	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	365	654
1951-52	564	436	291	811	263	4	302	451	486	184	495	397	473
1952-53	616	445	313	504	314	50	297	353	369	186	505	371	483
1953-54	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	356	474
1954-55	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	342	431
1955-56	464	324	320	562	355	450	286	353	238	178	414	342	397
1956-57	578	327	250	545	368	501	319	357	240	178	464	331	444
1957-58	471	357	218	398	333	518	341	368	240	178	400	313	385
1956-57—													
April	618	321	224	548	382	620	321	357	234	178	483	331	462
May	626	319	256	495	398	631	328	359	238	178	488	333	467
June	596	322	284	451	373	642	331	362	239	178	473	332	452
1957-58—													
July	(i)596	331	278	445	351	577	328	347	240	178	470	327	450
August	551	342	274	448	345	622	328	357	239	178	450	331	431
September	543	344	274	441	333	571	333	364	242	178	445	328	426
October	498	350	257	423	337	541	337	362	236	178	420	323	403
November	483	352	232	409	337	488	344	364	244	178	407	315	391
December	445	359	225	372	290	481	346	365	243	178	383	305	369
January	453	363	207	369	315	504	345	376	237	178	387	306	373
February	468	368	194	375	294	496	349	379	239	178	393	303	378
March	422	371	188	375	308	496	346	380	239	178	372	304	358
April	400	365	163	370	353	479	346	368	235	178	358	301	346
May	392	367	162	369	364	485	339	373	241	178	356	303	344
June	400	369	166	377	368	477	347	375	239	178	361	306	348
1958-59—													
July	(i)400	366	178	371	351	481	351	384	228	178	361	304	348
August	354	369	190	369	370	477	363	375	234	178	342	310	330
September	354	363	190	372	393	476	370	383	250	178	343	312	332
October	336	363	195	391	(j)	473	385	382	270	178	(h) 337	(h) 318	(h) 326
November	339	355	222	404	(j)	477	390	378	273	178	(h) 341	(h) 322	(h) 330
December	328	353	242	389	(j)	470	391	375	285	178	(h) 337	(h) 324	(h) 326
January	321	347	250	390	(j)	490	(i) 391	372	287	178	(h) 335	(h) 327	(h) 324
February	339	336	250	384	(j)	474	(i) 391	360	341	178	(h) 340	(h) 320	(h) 329
March	347	336	249	385	(j)	477	(i) 391	357	428	178	(h) 344	(h) 321	(h) 333

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (c) Sultanais, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) For All Groups (Total)—applicable from 1936-37. (f) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (g) For All Groups (excluding Wool)—applicable from 1936-37. (h) Preliminary. (i) Nominal. (j) Actual prices realized not yet fully known; provisional prices included in "All Groups" indexes which are subject to revision from October, 1958 inclusive.

NOTE.—The "fixed weights" index above indicates satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but takes on account of the relative quantities actually sold at the prices ruling during a month. An index with "changing weights", which takes account of this factor, is published in a footnote to the Export Price Index in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

SECTION XII.—MISCELLANEOUS.

COMPARATIVE INDEX NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.	Retail Price Index Numbers.					Nominal Wage Rates, Adult Males.	Real Wage Rates.(b)(d)		
	Food and Groceries.(b)	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (c)	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	Total "C" Series Retail Price Index.(b)				
Year—									
1911 ..	1,000	1,000	(e)1,000	(e)1,000	(e)1,000	1,000	1,000		
1914 ..	1,144	1,082	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948		
1921 ..	1,902	1,410	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087		
1928 ..	1,761	1,743	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172		
1932 ..	1,425	1,336	1,215	1,458	1,377	1,639	1,190		
1938 ..	1,584	1,540	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209		
1939 ..	1,657	1,577	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,210		
1946 ..	1,852	1,596	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400	1,263		
1947 ..	1,967	1,597	2,367	1,825	1,971	2,598	1,318		
1948 ..	2,245	1,601	2,637	1,913	2,148	2,914	1,357		
1949 ..	2,492	1,605	3,019	2,037	2,349	3,210	1,367		
1950 ..	2,800	1,613	3,455	2,184	2,589	3,596	1,389		
1951 ..	3,649	1,649	4,156	2,555	3,124	4,495	1,439		
1952 ..	4,516	1,728	4,657	2,980	3,645	5,241	1,438		
1953 ..	4,723	1,861	4,872	3,126	3,820	5,539	1,450		
1954 ..	4,776	1,949	4,865	3,139	3,860	5,632	1,459		
1955 ..	5,027	2,005	4,894	3,168	3,970	5,773	1,454		
1956 ..	A 5,227 B 5,514	2,166	4,930	3,403	A 4,130 B 4,226	6,050	A 1,465 B 1,432		
1957 ..	5,315	5,311	2,256	5,075	4,259	(f)6,261	1,470	1,471	
1958 ..	5,402	5,352	2,386	5,167	4,357	4,340	1,460	1,466	
Quarter— 1953.									
March ..	4,599	1,835	4,838	3,118	3,763	5,443	1,446		
June ..	4,658	1,857	4,906	3,122	3,805	5,512	1,449		
September ..	4,804	1,870	4,880	3,127	3,851	5,591	1,452		
December ..	4,881	1,882	4,863	3,136	3,861	5,611	1,453		
1954.									
March ..	4,798	1,900	4,880	3,151	3,861	5,622	1,456		
June ..	4,774	1,947	4,856	3,137	3,856	5,624	1,459		
September ..	4,746	1,970	4,853	3,133	3,851	5,623	1,460		
December ..	4,787	1,977	4,870	3,136	3,871	5,658	1,462		
1955.									
March ..	4,882	1,983	4,865	3,115	3,898	5,720	1,467		
June ..	4,952	1,997	4,898	3,151	3,941	5,746	1,458		
1956.									
September ..	A 5,024 B 5,103	2,014	4,903	3,168	A 3,973 B 4,001	5,774	A 1,453 B 1,448		
December ..	5,061	5,169	2,025	4,910	4,004	5,853	1,462	1,448	
1956.									
March ..	5,098	5,232	2,142	4,903	3,253	4,044	(f)5,895	1,458	1,441
June ..	5,225	5,461	2,158	4,910	3,367	4,115	(f)6,013	1,461	1,433
September ..	5,302	5,800	2,174	4,928	3,460	4,167	(f)6,090	1,461	1,405
December ..	5,282	5,562	2,189	4,977	3,532	4,192	(f)6,201	1,479	1,447
1957.									
March ..	5,315	5,331	2,218	5,024	3,556	4,226	(f)6,193	1,465	1,464
June ..	5,322	5,359	2,245	5,070	3,605	4,256	(f)6,270	1,473	1,469
September ..	5,340	5,319	2,271	5,087	3,634	4,278	6,290	1,470	1,473
December ..	5,284	5,234	2,288	5,119	3,649	4,275	6,292	1,472	1,478
1958.									
March ..	5,385	5,343	2,308	5,129	3,652	4,316	6,290	1,457	1,462
June ..	5,396	5,332	2,379	5,176	3,653	4,348	6,366	1,464	1,472
September ..	5,395	5,329	2,414	5,179	3,638	4,364	6,391	1,464	1,472
December ..	5,431	5,404	2,444	5,184	3,768	4,401	6,396	1,453	1,457
1959.									
March ..	5,466	5,484	2,470	5,170	3,766	4,414	6,419	1,454	1,453

(a) The Index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of food and groceries and rent, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000.

(b) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.

(c) See note (b) on page 104.

(d) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Retail Price Index Number.

(e) Taken back from November, 1914 by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

(f) Partly estimated.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

NOTE.—(1) In most cases where figures are available back to 1861, these were shown in the September, 1953 issue of the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, pages 112 and 113.

(2) Most of the statistics in this summary relate to the periods shown in the table headings. In those comparatively few cases where the statistics relate to other periods, this is indicated in footnotes.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1958.
DEMOGRAPHY(a)—								
Population(b) { '000 Males ..	1,737	2,005	2,382	2,799	3,333	3,599	4,311	4,932
'000 Females ..	1,504	1,820	2,192	2,712	3,220	3,545	4,217	4,815
'000 Persons ..	3,241	3,825	4,574	5,511	6,553	7,144	8,528	9,747
Net Oversea Migration '000	26.9	3.0	74.4	17.5	-10.1	5.2	111.4	78.7
Marriages .. { '000	24	28	39	47	39	75	77	74
Rate(c)	7.5	7.3	8.8	8.6	6.0	10.6	9.2	7.6
Divorces(d) and Judicial Separations ..	194	398	509	1,490	1,969	3,351	7,330	6,374
Births .. { '000	110	103	122	136	119	135	193	220
Rate(c)	34.5	27.2	27.2	25.0	18.2	18.9	23.0	22.9
Deaths .. { '000	47	46	48	54	57	71	82	85
Rate(c)	14.8	12.2	10.7	9.9	8.7	10.0	9.7	8.8
Infant Deaths { '000	12.7	10.7	8.4	9.0	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.7
Rate(e)	115.3	103.6	68.5	65.7	42.1	39.7	25.2	21.4
WAGES (ADULT MALES)(a)—								
Nominal Weekly Wage Index Numbers	(f)	848	1,000	1,826	1,752	1,997	4,495	6,261
Real Wage Index Numbers(g) ..	(f)	(f)	1,000	1,087	1,210	1,194	1,439	(h)1,470 (i)1,471
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY INDUSTRIES—								
Agricultural(j)—								
Wheat .. { Area mill. acs.	3.3	5.1	7.4	9.7	14.7	12.0	10.4	8.8
Yield mill. bus.	26	39	72	129	191	167	160	98
Av. Yield bus.	7.7	7.5	9.6	13.3	12.9	13.9	15.4	11.0
Oats .. { Area '000 acs.	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	2,365	2,958
Yield mill. bus.	5.7	9.8	9.6	12.1	15.2	22.3	34.5	31.4
Av. Yield bus.	23.3	21.2	15.5	16.6	14.0	15.3	14.6	10.6
Barley .. { Area '000 acs.	68	75	116	299	342	784	1,118	2,121
Yield mill. bus.	1.2	1.5	2.1	6.1	6.3	18.0	21.9	30.5
Av. Yield bus.	17.3	20.4	17.7	20.4	18.4	23.0	19.6	14.4
Maize .. { Area '000 acs.	284	295	340	305	269	301	170	184
Yield mill. bus.	9.3	7.0	8.9	7.8	7.1	7.4	4.0	5.6
Av. Yield bus.	32.6	23.9	26.3	25.7	26.2	24.7	23.7	30.6
Hay .. { Area '000 acs.	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	1,549	2,237
Yield '000 tons	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,675	2,345	2,969
Av. Yield tons	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.51	1.33
Potatoes .. { Area '000 acs.	113	110	130	149	145	99	118	113
Yield '000 tons	380	323	301	388	397	333	509	575
Av. Yield tons	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	4.31	488
Sugar-cane .. { Area(k) '000 acs.	45	87	101	128	242	255	282	376
Yield '000 tons	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	5,327	9,249
Av. Yield tons	16.2	15.7	16.7	19.0	17.4	20.3	18.9	24.6
Vineyards .. { Area '000 acs.	49	64	61	92	115	130	136	131
Wine mill. gals.	3.4	5.3	5.0	8.5	14.2	15.6	35.3	33.9
Total Area of Crops mill. acs.	5.4	8.4	12.1	15.4	21.2	20.5	19.7	21.5
Pastoral, Dairying, etc.—								
Livestock(l) { Horses mill.	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.6	0.9	0.7
Cattle ..	11.1	8.5	11.8	14.4	12.3	13.6	14.9	16.9
Sheep ..	106	72	97	86	111	125	118	149
Pigs ..	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.4
Wool(m) .. { mill. lb.	(a) 634	(a) 539	(a) 798	723	1,007	1,167	1,080	1,433
Butter .. { '000 tons	(a) 19	(a) 46	(a) 95	(a) 119	175	168	135	176
Cheese .. { ..	(a) 4.5	(a) 5.3	(a) 7.1	(a) 14.6	14.0	30.1	40.6	34.9
Meat(n)—								
Beef and Veal .. " "	(f)	(f)	(f)	339	350	534	582	777
Mutton and Lamb .. " "				218	307	372	282	411
Pork .. " "				11.1	22.7	58.1	35.0	48.2
Bacon and Ham .. " "				26.2	31.8	42.5	36.6	36.4
Total Meat .. " "	(f)	(f)	(f)	608	727	1,027	949	1,286

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) At 31st December of previous year. (c) Number per 1,000 of mean population. (d) Decreases made absolute, including decreases for nullity of marriage. (e) Number per 1,000 live births. (f) Not available. (g) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (h) Excludes potatoes and onions. (i) Includes potatoes and onions. (j) Season ending in year shown. (k) Cane cut for crushing. (l) As at 31st December of previous year for years to 1942, as at 31st March thereafter. (m) In terms of greasy. (n) Bone-in weight in terms of fresh meat, cured weight, bacon and ham.

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NOTE.—See headnotes on page 121.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1958.
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY INDUSTRIES—continued.								
Mineral(a)(b)—								
Copper(c) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	13.5	20.9	17.9	56.7
Gold(c) .. '000 fine oz.	1,243	3,300	2,484	758	595	1,497	896	1,084
Lead(c) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	150.8	289.4	212.0	333.0
Zinc(c) .. " "	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	66.1	232.6	189.2	292.0
Black Coal .. mill. tons.	4.4	6.9	10.6	12.8	8.4	14.2	17.6	19.9
Brown Coal .. " "	..	..	(e)	0.1	2.2	4.6	7.8	10.7
Forestry—								
Sawn output of native timber mill. sup. ft.	(d)	(a) 452	(a) 605	590	237	914	1,393	1,400
Factories—								
Number of factories '000								
Persons employed ..	(f)	(f)	{ 14.5	18.0	21.7	27.0	45.8	54.0
Salaries and wages paid £m.			{ 312	379	337	725	978	1,074
Net value of production—			{ 28	68	56	180	612	929
Chemicals, etc. .. £m.			{ 1.1	3.2	7.9	24.8	63.7	146.5
Industrial metals, etc. ..			{ 12.0	23.6	22.8	119.9	413.1	695.8
Textiles, etc. ..	(d)	(d)	{ 7.5	19.2	{ 6.9	21.0	56.6	91.5
Clothing ..			{ 11.1	23.6	{ 11.1	23.6	81.1	108.1
Food, etc. ..			{ 11.8	27.2	{ 28.7	53.2	141.1	224.9
Paper, etc. ..			{ 4.2	9.0	{ 9.6	17.1	68.2	120.7
All groups ..	23.3	29.1	{ 47.5	112.5	{ 111.0	316.5	1,024.9	1,730.9
Value of plant & machinery ..	(d)	(d)	{ 31.4	78.1	{ 121.5	169.2	412.5	1,021.4
Value of land and buildings ..			{ 32.5	67.3	{ 106.6	156.3	360.2	851.7
Net Value of production(j)—								
Agriculture .. £m.	17.0	23.8	38.8	81.9	49.7	64.0	246.7	244.5
Pastoral ..	31.3	27.2	52.7	75.1	43.0	85.4	400.5	447.3
Dairying ..	6.0	7.6	16.1	35.3	22.6	34.3	103.8	128.1
Poultry ..	1.9	2.0	4.0	9.0	5.7	6.5	31.5	27.3
Bee-farming ..	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	1.6
Total, Rural ..	56.3	60.7	111.7	201.4	121.1	190.6	783.3	848.8
Trapping ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.5	5.0	6.7	6.0
Forestry ..	4.4	2.8	{ 4.8	9.1	{ 3.9	10.2	37.9	51.3
Fishing and Whaling ..			{ 1.1	1.4	{ 1.4	1.8	5.7	10.4
Mining and Quarrying ..	12.1	22.0	23.3	20.0	13.5	33.4	97.2	128.9
Total, Non-rural ..	16.5	24.8	29.2	30.5	20.3	50.4	147.5	196.6
Total, Primary ..	72.8	85.5	140.9	231.9	141.4	241.0	930.8	1,045.4
Factories ..	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.9	1,728.7
Total, All Industries ..	96.1	114.6	188.4	344.4	252.4	557.5	1,955.7	2,774.1
BUILDING(h)—								
Permits, New Dwellings { '000								
Permits, All Buildings(i) { £m.	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	{ 2.1	9.7	32.8	41.4
					{ 1.5	9.6	80.4	143.7
					{ 4.6	13.5	116.4	229.9
OVERSEA TRADE—								
Imports .. £m. f.o.b.	(a)	(a)	(a)					
Exports .. " "	34	38	61	94	52	174	1,053	792
Principal Exports(j)—	36	50	79	128	108	169	675	819
Wool .. { mill. lb.(k)	641	529	734	946	903	938	1,036	1,280
.. { £m. f.o.b.	20	15	26	48	32	58	323	374
Wheat .. { '000 tons	258	543	1,477	2,677	3,413	598	1,685	1,060
.. { £m. f.o.b.	1.9	2.8	9.6	28.6	19.2	4.6	55.3	28.5
Flour .. { '000 short tons	33	97	176	360	611	414	789	46.0
.. { £m. f.o.b.	0.3	0.6	1.4	5.5	3.8	4.2	33.0	14.3
Butter .. { mill. lb.	4	35	102	127	202	130	25	114
.. { £m. f.o.b.	0.2	1.4	4.6	8.0	10.3	8.1	4.6	15.6
Hides and Skins .. £m. f.o.b.	0.9	1.3	3.2	3.1	2.3	6.0	17.1	25.4
Meats .. " "	0.5	2.6	4.3	5.5	6.4	14.1	35.5	55.2
Fruit(l) .. " "	..	0.2	0.5	3.0	4.8	4.0	19.5	34.8
Sugar .. " "	..	(e)	(e)	(e)	2.5	2.6	6.9	35.0
Gold .. " "	5.7	14.3	12.0	3.5	11.9	9.2	7.0	6.4
Silver and Lead(m) ..	1.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.9	7.4	32.1	29.1
Ores and Concentrates(n) ..	..	(e)	3.7	0.8	0.2	1.3	20.4	15.9

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Breaks in the continuity of the series occurred in 1931 and 1951. (c) Mine production; i.e., metal content of minerals produced. (d) Not available. (e) Less than .05. (f) Owing to variation in classification, effective comparison is impossible. (g) Gross value from 1891 to 1921–22. Prior to 1922 figures are for years ended previous December. (h) Six capital cities and suburbs. (i) Includes additions and alterations. (j) Australian produce except gold, which includes re-exports. (k) In terms of greasy. (l) Excludes fruit juices. (m) Includes concentrates. (n) Excluding Lead and Silver-lead ores and concentrates. See note (m).

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NOTE.—See headnotes on page 121.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1958.
OVERSEA TRADE—continued.								
Principal Imports—								
Vegetable foodstuffs, etc. £m.f.o.b. }		(a)	(a)					
Apparel, etc. .. " " }		{ 3.6	3.7	4.0	2.6	6.1	25.0	26.6
Oil, etc. .. " " }		{ 10.9	16.2	31.0	15.4	32.7	203.6	108.5
Metals, etc. .. " " }		{ 1.2	1.6	4.7	5.5	16.2	87.5	101.7
Rubber, etc. .. " " }		{ 7.8	14.0	22.8	7.4	71.8	393.4	282.4
Paper, etc. .. " " }		{ 0.5	1.4	1.7	0.8	3.2	34.0	16.6
		{ 1.6	2.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	68.8	45.1
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION—								
Shipping—								
Oversea Vessels, } No. }	(a)	(a)	(a)					
Entrances and } mill. tons }	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,544	4,136	5,254
Clearances } mill. tons }	4.7	6.5	10.0	9.1	11.4	10.8	18.2	24.6
Oversea Cargo—								
Discharged } mill. tons(c) }				2.4	3.0	5.5	14.4	16.6
Shipped } " " (c) }				(b)	5.8	6.7	4.2	5.7
Interstate Vessels, } No. }								
Entrances and } mill. tons }	(b)	(b)	{ 9,605	9,782	7,957	9,100	7,524	8,103
Clearances } mill. tons }			{ 13.1	12.8	11.1	12.9	15.8	20.0
Interstate Cargo Shipped } mill. tons (c) }				5.5	4.0	10.0	9.0	13.8
Government Railways—	(d)	(d)	(d)					
Route-miles .. '000	10.4	12.8	16.8	23.5	27.0	27.2	26.8	26.4
Passenger-journeys mill.	84	115	228	355	303	475	501	494
Goods and livestock carried '000 tons	9.4	15.5	25.5	31.5	26.1	38.9	44.3	45.3
Train-miles run .. mill.	29.7	38.2	55.2	56.1	63.8	88.5	93.4	90.3
Tramways and Omnibuses—								
Passenger-journeys—								
Trams .. mill. }				360	569	589	874	689
Omnibuses .. " }	(b)	(b)	{ (b)	(b)	(b)	193	330	323
Motor vehicles on the register—								
Cars .. '000			(b)	102	{ 420	451	1,026	1,676
Commercial vehicles .. " }					{ 96	251	553	735
Civil Aviation(e)—								
Plane-miles flown .. mill.					2.5	7.8	41.8	40.5
Passengers carried .. '000					57	152	1,829	2,123
Passenger-miles .. mill.					(b)	76	722	899
Freight car- } '000 tons(f)					0.1	1.2	57.5	70.0
ried } '000 ton-miles(f)					(b)	0.9	26.7	33.0
Postal—	(a)	(a)	(a)					
Postal matter dealt with(g)								
mill. articles	286	365	680	778	887	1,124	1,482	1,895
Telegrams and cablegrams mill.	10.0	9.9	13.3	16.8	13.9	26.1	25.4	22.9
Telephones—								
Instruments .. '000	7	29	103	259	485	739	1,301	1,937
Lines .. " }	(b)	25	85	196	364	531	927	1,362
Calls—Trunk .. mill.	(b)	(b)	(b)	14.0	28.9	45.3	69.4	112.6
Local .. " }	(b)	(b)	(b)	221	369	664	968	1,295
Broadcast Listeners' Licences '000				(h) 36	369	1,320	1,961	2,138
PUBLIC FINANCE—								
Commonwealth—								
Consolidated Revenue Fund—		(d)	(d)					
Revenue .. £m.		11	21	64	72	210	1,017	1,324
Expenditure .. " }		4	15	64	72	210	1,017	1,324
Net loan fund expenditure(i), ..			1	5	4	213	55	60
Taxation collections ..		9	16	50	54	180	934	1,162
State—								
Consolidated Revenue Funds—								
Revenue .. £m.	(b)	28	41	85	100	152	388	603
Expenditure .. " }	(b)	29	41	87	121	149	392	612
Net loan expenditure(i) ..	(b)	9	16	34	6	8	198	157
Taxation collections ..	(b)	3	5	18	33	57	63	128
Public Debt(j)—								
Commonwealth .. £m.			6	354	319	638	1,869	1,735
State ..	a155.1	213	279	519	789	911	1,306	2,248
Total ..	a155.1	213	285	873	1,108	1,549	3,265	3,983
Overseas ..	(b)	(b)	194	412	522	516	406	429
In Australia ..	(b)	(b)	91	461	586	1,033	2,859	3,554

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Not available. (c) Tons weight plus tons measurement. (d) Year ended 30th June. (e) Regular internal services. (f) In terms of short tons (2,000 lb.). (g) Letters, postcards, letter-cards, newspapers, packets, parcels and registered articles. (h) Year 1923-24. (i) Loan expenditure on works, services, etc. (j) At 30th June.

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NOTE.—See headnotes on page 121.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—								
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1958.	
PRIVATE FINANCE—									
Commonwealth Note Issue(a) £m.	(b)	(b)	8	54	51	103	303	388	
Cheque-paying Banks—									
Advances(c)	125	94	119	182	261	324	817	1,009	
Deposits(c)	98	93	150	289	319	481	1,353	1,649	
Bank clearings(d)	(b)	338	662	1,702	1,581	2,328	12,160	15,978	
Savings bank deposits(e)	(d) 15	31	59	154	198	274	892	1,297	
Life Assurance(d)(f)—									
Ordinary—									
Policies .. '000	}	414	484	730	871	1,340	2,553	3,446	
Sum assured .. £m.		108	109	181	285	463	1,212	2,533	
Industrial—									
Policies .. '000		(b)	236	467	973	1,550	2,780	3,843	3,615
Sum assured .. £m.		5	10	30	67	127	254	323	
Total—									
Policies .. '000	}	650	951	1,703	2,421	4,120	6,396	7,061	
Sum assured .. £m.		113	119	211	352	590	1,466	2,856	
SOCIAL STATISTICS—									
Commonwealth Social Services—									
Age and Invalid Pen- sions .. '000(g)	}	..	90	144	256	336	420	574	
.. .. £m.		..	2.2	5.4	11.1	19.3	59.8	121.6	
Child Endowment, Claims in force .. '000(g)		..	..	..	..	488	1,205	1,415
.. .. £m.		..	..	..	..	11.3	46.6	58.7
Total Commonwealth Social and Health Services(h) £m.	..	..	2.2	6.1	11.5	30.9	137.6	247.5
War Pensions .. '000(g)	}	..	..	225	274	220	525	628
.. .. £m.		..	..	7.0	7.4	7.5	31.8	50.3
Service Pensions .. '000(g)		..	..	..	..	14	17	42
.. .. £m.		..	..	..	..	0.6	1.8	5.6
State Social Services(i)—									
Education(d)—									
Government Schools—									
Schools .. '000	6.2	7.0	8.0	9.4	10.1	9.5	7.6	7.7	
Staff	12.6	14.5	17.0	26.1	33.8	32.1	36.7	49.1	
Students	561	638	639	819	937	887	1,013	1,409	
Non-Government Schools—									
Schools .. '000	2.0	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.1	
Staff	6.0	8.3	7.8	8.8	10.0	11.4	13.3	15.7	
Students	125	149	161	199	221	257	326	453	
Universities(j)—									
Number	4	4	5	6	6	8	9	10	
Staff(k)	(b)	(b)	249	482	703	1,416	3,082	3,769	
Students .. '000	1.6	1.8	3.4	8.0	9.8	13.9	31.7	36.9	
Public Hospitals—									
Number	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)				
Staff—Medical .. '000	(b)	285	355	404	513	566	675	731	
Nursing	(b)	(b)	1.1	1.5	3.2	3.9	6.9	8.6	
In-patients, cases treated ..	(b)	(b)	5.1	6.8	9.3	15.4	24.6	31.0	
.. .. (lm) 54 (m) 31			134	215	371	595	896	1,065	
POLICE AND PRISONS(d)—									
Police	5.3	5.8	6.4	6.9	8.6	9.7	12.3	14.1	
Prisons	(b)	(b)	104	91	85	70	69	73	
Prisoners	(b)	4.3	3.1	2.9	4.2	3.2	4.8	6.6	
PRICES(d)—									
"C" Series Retail Price Index ..	..	..	1,000	1,680	1,448	1,673	3,124	{ (n) 4,259 (o) 4,257

(a) At the end of June. (b) Not available. (c) Figures for 1892 are averages of weekly balances for the December quarter 1891; the remainder are for the June quarter. (d) Year ended previous December. (e) 1891 at 31st December, thereafter 30th June. (f) Existing business in Australia. (g) At 30th June. (h) Excludes war and service pensions. (i) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (j) Excludes Australian National University. (k) Teaching and research staff. Includes part-time. (l) Year 1891-92 for Victoria. (m) Adelaide Hospital only included in South Australia. (n) Excludes price movement of potatoes and onions. (o) Includes price movement of potatoes and onions.

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